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Watermen and Lightermen,

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Amended by the Right Honourable the
Court of LORD MAYOR and ALDERMEN :

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Afterwards confirmed and approved by the Right
Honourable the Lord Chief Justice *HOLT*,
and the Lord Chief Justice *PARKER*.

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A N A B S T R A C T of the respective D U T I E S of
R U L E R S , &c.

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THE
CONSTITUTION
OF THE
COMPANY

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TO WHICH IS PREFIXED
A TABLE of Contents of those By-Laws:

AND
An Abstract of the respective Duties of
RULES, &c.

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A TABLE to the principal Contents of the Statute-Laws in the subsequent Constitution.

IF Watermen or Lightermen Abscond in the Time of an Impress, when summoned, (as the Statute in that behalf requires) they shall suffer Imprisonment for One Month, and be disabled for enjoying any Privilege of the River for Two Years.

Order 14. Page 8, 9.

The Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen empowered to approve of the By-Laws made by the Company. Ord. 6. p. 5.

And also to review, alter or amend such as are or shall be made; such Alterations being subject to the Approbation of the Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Bench. Ord. 16. p. 10, 11.

ASSISTANTS, *vide* p. 98. *their duty.*

AUDITORS, *vide* p. 97. *their duty.*

*The Rights of the Lord of Gravesend
Manors saved.*

Lightermen, Lighters and Boats.

*Every Lighterman, or Owner, or Keeper
of Lighters, shall be of one Company
with the Wherry-men and Lightermen.*

Ord. 1. p. 2.

*And all the Lightermen (except as therein
excepted) before 1701, shall be Regis-
tered.*

Ord. 2. p. 2.

*And none but such, or their Servants (or
Free Watermen to be registered) to work,
on the Forfeiture of 5l. per Week.*

Ord. 8. p. 5, 6.

*All Lightermen to be liable to all Orders
made, or to be made, for the better Go-
vernment of this Company.*

Ord. 2. p. 2.

*But Owners of Keys, and Woodmongers,
permitted in their own Lighters (and
in their own proper Business) to employ
Lightermen.*

Ord. 12. p. 7, 8.

*Dung-Lighters and Gardeners Boats to
work as before the Act of William the
Third.*

Ord. 12. p. 8.

By

By whom and how Offenders are to be punished.

Ord. 7. p. 5.

POOR.

All Penalties by Statute-Law, or By-Law; and what is clear got by Sunday Feries, applied to the Relief of their Poor

Ord. 10. p. 6. Ord. 11. p. 6, 7.

RULERS.

At the first Court of Aldermen, after the first Day of June, Eight Watermen and Three Lightermen, by that Court to be annually chosen Rulers of this Company; And such as refuse to serve, or negligently exercise their Office, to forfeit 5l.

Ord. 4. p. 3. Ord. 5. p. 4.

Rules, Orders, and Constitutions to be made by the Rulers Auditors and Assistants in their general Court, &c.

Ord. 6. p. 5.

WATERMEN.

None but Watermen and their Apprentices (except Trinity Men) shall ply or carry Passengers for gain between Gravesend and Windsor.

Ord. 9. p. 6.

A TABLE to the principal Contents of the By-Laws, &c.

ACCOMPTS.

THE Accompts of the Company to be twice in every Year audited, and oftner, if the general Court shall so order.

Ord. 19. p. 29.

And within one Month after such Audit to be inspected by the Comptrollers.

Ord. 50. p. 49.

All Disputes relating to the Company's Accompts, which cannot be adjusted by the general Court, shall be heard before the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, &c.

Ord. 19. p. 31.

APPRENTICES.

Every Member may take as many Apprentices as he will—but none to carry either Passengers or Goods, until Two Years bound.

Ord. 9. p. 21.

All to be bound for Seven Years, and none bound, turned over, registered, or made free, but at the Hall, and before the major Part of the Rulers, &c.

Ord. 10. p. 22.

None

None made Free but he that hath actually served Seven Years. Ord. 11. p. 23.
That Apprentice who, without his Master's Consent, leaves him, (unless to serve Her Majesty at Sea) shall serve that absent Time over again. Ord. 13. p. 25.

No intended Apprentice to be kept above Forty Days upon Trial. Ord. 15. p. 26.
Apprentices not to be employed in any other Business than as Watermen or Lightermen, nor to receive any Profits to his or their own Use. Ord. 1. p. 105, 106.

ASSISTANTS, vide p. 98. their duty.

AUDITORS, vide p. 97. their duty.

BEADLES, vide page 103. their duty.

BOATS.

All Boats and Lighters to be marked, and their Numbers registered.

Ord. 52. p. 52.

All Rowing with the Tide, to give others Notice; and none to hinder the Passing or Landing of Barges, or other great Boats, having from them due Notice.

Ord. 29. p. 36.

None to Ply, unless his Boat be at the Stairs.

Ord. 30. p. 37.

None by his Boat to hinder the passing or repassing of any Boat, &c.

Ord. 25. p. 34.

None to tow a Boat when carrying a Passenger.

Ord. 22. p. 33.

None plying Westward to take in above Ten Passengers.

Ord. 31. p. 37.

Against employing any not Free, or navigating Craft belonging to unregistered Persons.

Ord. 2. p. 106.

Boats between London Bridge and Woolwich not to take in more than eight Passengers, and two by the Way.

Ord. 5. p. 109.

B R I B E S.

None directly or indirectly to take a Bribe to give his own, or to solicit another's Vote, &c.

Ord. 5. p. 18.

C O A L S.

None to buy Coals of one Sort, and vouch them for another, &c.

Ord. 41. p. 44.

All Lightermen selling Five Chaldron and a Vatt, to sell Water-measure.

Ord. 42. p. 44.

No Lighterman shall cull Coals, when others have a Share in the loading.

Ord. 45. p. 46.

Comptrollers, vide p. 49, 50, 51, their duty.

C O U R T.

A general Court shall be held Four Times in every Year, and oftner, if Twenty Auditors and Assistants desire the same.

Ord. 1. p. 12.

The Chairman to be chosen by the general Court.

Ord. 2. p. 13.

Every Court of Rulers to choose a Receiver for that Day, and every one to be there heard in that order in which he came.

Ord. 4. p. 16.

None to refuse to appear at a general Court, or to depart thence without leave.

Ord. 7. p. 20.

The Comptrollers to be summoned to every Court of Rulers.

Ord. 4. p. 108, 109.

No misbehaviour to be suffered in a general Court, or Court of Rulers.

Ord. 2. p. 13, 14.

D A M A G E S.

DAMAGES.

All Damages done by one Boat or Lighter to another, the Rulers shall endeavour to adjust.

Ord. 48. p. 48. Ord. 51. p. 51.

ENTRIES.

Within ten Days after Binding or making Free, a fair Entry thereof to be made, &c.

Ord. 8. p. 20.

FEES.

A Table of Fees to lie before the Rulers at every Court.

Ord. 4. p. 17.

And none to receive more than the settled Fees.

Ord. 56. p. 57, 58.

FINES.

All to pay their Fines, and ten Shillings for their Refusals.

Ord. 61. p. 64, 65.

FREEDOM, &c.

Every Member to be made Free, to pay six Shillings.

Ord. 53. p. 53.

The Rules to be observed by Gravesend Tilt-Boat and Wherries, vide p. 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.

INFORMER.

*An Informer against an unregistered Man,
&c. to be rewarded.*

Ord. 49. p. 49, 107.

But any false Informer to be fined.

Ord. 23. p. 33.

LIGHTERMEN, &c. LIGHTERS, &c.

*All Lighters as high as Tower-Dock,
shall put their Vessels under Way.*

Ord. 37. p. 41.

*None to carry above one Lighter at a
Time through Bridge, except, &c.*

Ord. 38. p. 42.

*If a Lighter stop in the Bridge, proper
Notice thereof to be given.*

Ord. 39.

*p. 43. And Satisfaction to be made,
&c.*

Ord. 38. p. 42.

*If a Lighter stop on the Hill, the Offender
to make Satisfaction, &c.*

Ord. 40. p. 44.

*None to use another's Lighter without his
Leave.*

Ord 43. p. 45.

*None to employ an unregistered Lighter-
man, or work a Foreigner's Lighter,
but for the Foreigner's proper Use.*

*Ord. 44. p. 46. Or go Partner with
a Foreigner.*

Ord. 46. p. 47.

Lightermen

Lightermen may exchange turns.

Ord. 47. p. 47.

None to loosen another's Lighter from his proper Fast.

Ord. 48. p. 48.

Every Member at Sea, by Letter of Attorney, may bind or make free.

Ord. 14. p. 26.

MASTER or MISTRESS, &c.

Every Master or Mistress may take as many Apprentices as they please, but none to suffer his or her Apprentice, till two Years bound, to take charge of a Boat. Ord. 9. p. 21. Every Master or Mistress to give an Apprentice (when offending) moderate Correction, or pay the Penalty.

Ord. 16. p. 27.

MONEY.

All Money belonging to the Company (and not appropriated to their Poor) is under the disposal of the general Court.

Ord. 53. p. 55.

PLY, PLYING, &c.

None Plying along the Shore between Vauxhall and Limehouse, to ply any about to take Water with another.

Ord. 27. p. 35.

All

*All to ply according to the Rules therein
prescribed.* Ord. 28. p. 35.

*None to Ply unless his Boat be at the
Stairs.* Ord. 30. p. 37.

*None Plying Westward to take in above
Ten Passengers.* Ord. 31. p. 37.

*None Plying the Long Ferry, shall ply one
about to take Water with another, un-
less, &c.* Ord. 32. p. 37.

All Plying, &c. to keep Way.
Ord. 33. p. 38.

*Rules for Plying to be observed by Graves-
end Tilt-Boats and Wherries.*
Ord. 59. p. 60, 61, &c.

POOR.

The Poor to be Quarterly paid, &c.
Ord. 54. p. 55.

QUARTERAGE.

*All Free to pay Six-pence per Quarter,
&c.* Ord. 53. p. 54.

Row-

ROW-BARGE, &c.
*No such to suffer Goods to be placed on
the Bails, &c.* Ord. 57. p. 59.
RULERS, *vide* p. 90, 91, &c. *their Duty.*

STEERS-MAN.
*None to act as chief Steers-Man till ap-
proved of and licensed; nor take in above
37 at first, and 3 by the Way.*
Ord. 58. p. 59.

SUMMONS, &c.
*Not appearing upon the first Summons,
forfeits 1s. upon the second 2s. 6d. and
upon every subsequent Summons 5s.*
Ord. 24. p. 34.

Against Working on Sundays, and
Swearing, &c.
*No Member, unless permitted by some Jus-
tice, or empowered by the Company &c.
shall Row on Sundays: None to curse
or swear, &c.*
Ord. 16. p. 27.

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The Condition of the RULER's Bond.

Whereas A. B. is chosen one of the Rulers of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen for the Year next ensuing, pursuant to the Statute in that Case made: If therefore the said A. B. shall well and truly observe, perform, and keep the several Rules, Orders and Constitutions made, or to be made, for the Government of the said Company, which on his Part is to be observed, performed and kept, and in all other Things well and honestly behave himself, and faithfully discharge his Trust in the Execution of the said Place, as long as he continues therein, and shall not embezzle or misapply any Part of the Company's Stock which shall come to his hand; then this Obligation to be void, or otherwise to stand and be in full force and Virtue.

A LIST of the Rulers, Auditors,
Assistants, and Comptrollers of the
*Worshipful Company of Watermen and
Lightermen, for the Year 1790.*

RULERS.

Daniel Opie
Thomas Bowen
Benjamin Spencer
William Mildway
William Loft
William Simmonds
James Pritchard
John Morris
John Hamer
James Lyon
John Maiden

COMPTROLLERS.

John Kimbell
John Penner
Thomas Skinner
Mathew Cotten
John Powell

AUDITORS.

Henry Cox
William Crage
Richard Hough
Joseph Norman
Joseph Hallum
George Sloat
John Audfley

**LIGHTER ASSIST-
ANTS.**

John Smith
John Brookson

William Hipp
John Beach
William Davis
John Webb
George Armstrong
Edward Smith
Thomas Beddington

WATER ASSISTANTS.

John Saunders
Thomas Johnson
Joseph Hopkins
Samuel Clemmens
Joseph Allen
William Miller
John Watford
James Cannon
George Coleman
Thomas Willis
Thomas Mann
Thomas Sloat
Christopher Pashley
William Jefford
Samuel Varney
Francis Harlow
George Baley
Stephen Blakefley
William Martell
Thomas Moad

Wm. DOZE, Clerk.

RULES, ORDERS, AND CONSTITUTIONS

Of the Watermen and Lightermen of the River of Thames, between Gravesend and Windsor, for the better Rule and Government of the said Society or Company, examined, altered, and approved, by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London; and confirmed by the Right Honourable Sir John Holt, Knt. and the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Parker, Knt. late Lords Chief Justices of Her Majesty Queen Anne's Court of Queen's-Bench, pursuant to the Authority and Directions of the several Acts of Parliament in that Case made and provided.

WHEREAS, by an Act of Parliament made in the 11th and 12th Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William the Third*, entitled, *An Act for the Explanation and*
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better Execution of former Acts, made touching Watermen and Wherry-men Rowing on the River of Thames, and for the better Ordering and Governing the said Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen, upon the said River, between Gravesend

I. Clause. *and Windsor, it is, amongst other Things, enacted, That every Lighterman, or Owner, Keeper, or Worker of any Lighter, or other large Craft on the Thames, between Gravesend and Windsor, shall be, and be taken to be of one and the same Society or Company with the said Wherry-men and Watermen; which Wherry-men, Watermen, and Lightermen, are thereby made one Society and Company.*

II. Clause. *AND that all Lightermen working on the River of Thames (except Trinity-men, Fishermen, Ballastmen, Western-Barges and Mill-boats, Chalk-hoys, Faggot and Wood-lighters, and other Craft carrying the same) shall be registered in a Book kept by the Company of Watermen and Lightermen, and be liable to such Orders, Rules and Constitutions, made, or to be made, for the better Rule and Government of the said Company, and the Pains and Penalties to enforce due Obe-*

III. Clause. *dience thereunto. AND that there shall be yearly Appointed, Elected, and Chosen,*

sen, by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of *London* for the Time being, Eight Persons of the most wise, discreet, and best Sort of Watermen; and Three Persons out of Twelve Persons to be yearly nominated by the Lightermen, of the most wise, discreet, and best Sort of Lightermen, being Householders, having Two Lighters or Flat Boats upon the said River, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*; which Election shall be at the first Court of Aldermen, to be holden within the said City, next after the first Day of *June*; which said Eleven Persons so elected, shall be named and called the Overseers and Rulers of all the Wherry-men, Watermen, and Lightermen that shall use, occupy, or exercise any Rowing upon the said River, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*; who shall keep good Orders and Obedience amongst the said Watermen and Lightermen. AND to IV. *Clause.* that End and Purpose the Rulers and Assistants of the said Company for the Time being, shall, on the First Court-day after the First Day of *June*, yearly appoint the Watermen of the principal Towns, Stairs and Places of Plying, or the major Part of them respectively, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, to choose one Free Waterman,

terman, being an Householder, to be of their Assistants, so as they exceed not *Sixty*, nor be less than *Forty* Watermen; and the Lightermen which shall meet at the Hall of the said Company on the First of *June*, between the Hours of Eight and Twelve in the Morning yearly, or the major Part of them then present, shall choose *Nine* Lightermen, who, together with the said Watermen, shall be the Assistants of the said Company, to advise and assist them for preserving good Government amongst the said Company; which Rulers and Assistants, or the major Part of them, shall, on the first of *July*, yearly, present to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, for their Approbation, *Five* able and fit Watermen, and *Two* able and fit Lightermen; which Seven Persons, or the major Part of them, shall audit the Accounts of the Rulers and others of the said Company, and shall enter such Accounts in a Book kept for that Purpose, and sign the same; which Book shall be kept in some public Place in the Company's Hall, for View and Inspection by any Person concerned.

V. Clause. AND that if any Ruler, Assistant, or Auditor, so elected as aforesaid, shall obstinately refuse such Place, or shall negligently

ligently exercise the same, every such
 Offender shall forfeit and pay Five
 Pounds. AND that the said Rulers, VI. *Clause.*
 Auditors, and Assistants, or the major
 Part of them present, being all duly
 summoned, by Summons in Writing,
 left at the Place of their usual Abode,
 may make Rules and Orders, with rea-
 sonable Penalties, for the good Govern-
 ment of their Society, to be laid before
 the Court of Lord Mayor and Alder-
 men, to be by them examined, altered,
 or approved; and after confirmed or al-
 tered by the Lord Chief Justice of either
 Bench; and then to be binding, and put
 in Execution. AND that the Lord VII. *Clause.*
 Mayor and Aldermen of *London*, and the
 Justices of the Peace within the Shires
 next adjoining to the *Thames*, between
Gravesend and *Windsor*, and every of
 them, within their several Jurisdictions,
 upon Complaint of the Overseers and
 Rulers, or any Two of them, shall upon
 Oath hear and determine all Offences
 committed contrary to the said Act, or
 to such Rules or Orders of the said Com-
 pany, and levy the Penalties thereof by
 Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods.
 AND that all Persons owning or working VIII. *Clause*
 any Lighter or Flat Boat for unlading
 Goods

Goods and Merchandize from Ships and other Vessels, and registering themselves and Servants and Places of Abode, in the said Company's Books, by the 29th Day of *September* 1700, are thereby declared Lightermen; and that they, and none but such registered Persons (besides Free Watermen there after registered as Lightermen, and such as shall have served their Time to Lightermen) shall keep and work any Lighters or other great Craft, under the Penalty of Five Pounds

IX. *Claufe.* per Week for every such Offence; AND that none (except *Trinity-men*) shall row or ply on the said River, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, in any Boat, Wherry, or Barge, for carrying Passengers for Profit, except such as have served his Apprenticeship, or is a Ser-

X. *Claufe.* vant or Apprentice to a Waterman. AND that all the Penalties and Forfeitures appointed by the said Act, or the Rules or Orders made pursuant thereunto, shall be levied in such Manner as by the said Act is directed and appointed, and paid to the said Rulers and Overseers of the said Company, for the Use of the poor and decayed Persons of the said Society.

XI. *Claufe.* AND that it shall and may be lawful for the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants
for

for the Time being, or the major Part of them, on any Court-day, to appoint any Number of Watermen, not exceeding *Forty*, to ply and work on the Lord's Day, between *Vauxhall*, above *London-Bridge*, and *Limehouse*, below the same Bridge, at such Common Stairs, or Places of Plying, as to them, or the major Part of them, shall seem most convenient for carrying Passengers cross the said River, between the Limits aforesaid, at One Penny for so carrying each Person; which Waterman so appointed, shall, on every *Monday* Morning, pay unto the Order of the said Overseers, Rulers, Auditors and Assistants, all such Money as shall be so received, who shall pay out of the same to such Persons so working as they shall agree for daily, and the Overplus to be applied to the Use of the poor Members of the said Company, and their Widows; and every such Person so working, who shall neglect to pay such Money so earned, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings for every such Neglect.—*PROVIDED* XII Clause nevertheless, the Occupiers of any Key between *Hermitage-Bridge* and *London-Bridge*, may use what lawful Liberty they had before; And Woodmongers

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having Wharfs for retailing Fuel by themselves, and Free Watermen, or Lightermen, may carry their own Goods (only) by them retailed, and the Occupiers of Lay-stalls; and Gardeners may carry their Goods to Market at *London* and *Westminster*, and Places adjacent, and Dung as they formerly have done.

XIII *Clause* AND the Rights of the Lord of the Manor of *Gravesend*, and of the Mayor, Jurats, and capital Inhabitants of *Gravesend*, and Milton in the County of *Kent*, shall continue as formerly: And the Watermen of *St. Margaret's, Westminster*, may ply and carry Passengers cross the River from *Westminster-Bridge* to *Strangate*, and from the *Horse-Ferry* to *Lambeth-Bridge*, on the Lord's Day, in their Turns, paying the Money they so Earn to the Use of the poor and decayed Watermen of the said Parish, and their Widows; and the Watermen of that Parish, upon the 23d Day of *April* yearly, shall choose Two Stewards and a Clerk, and shall appoint such Watermen as shall so work in their Turns as aforesaid, as

XIV *Clause* more fully appears by the said Act. AND whereas by an Act made in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, entituled, *An Act*

for the Encouragement and Encrease of Seamen, and for the better and speedier Manning Her Majesty's Fleet; it is enacted, That in case the Lord High Admiral, or Three of the Commissioners of the Admiralty for the Time being, shall give Notice to the said Company of Watermen, that there shall be Occasion for such a certain Number of the said Company to serve Her Majesty, and they being duly summoned, by leaving Notice in Writing at the Place of their usual Abode; if within Ten Days after such Summons, they shall not appear before the Rulers, such Person so summoned and convicted thereof, shall suffer Imprisonment for One Month, and be disabled from enjoying any Privilege of the said Company for Two Years. AND whereas by another Act of Par-^{XV Clause.}liament, made in the said Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, entituled, *An Act for the better Ordering and Governing the Watermen and Lightermen upon the River of Thames*; reciting, That whereas by an Act of Parliament, made in the First Year of the Reign of King James the First, it is, (amongst other Things) enacted, That no Wherryman or Waterman,

man, shall take any Apprentice, unless he shall then be of the Age of Eighteen Years at the least, (except the Son of a Waterman) who by the said Act might be taken Apprentice at the Age of Sixteen Years; And that by several of the Rules, Orders and Constitutions made by the said Company, the Increase of Seamen is hindered and prevented, to the great Prejudice of Her Majesty, and the Trade of this Kingdom: It is enacted, That the said Clause or Clauses in the said Act of the First Year of King *James* the First, that restrain the taking of Apprentices until they shall be of the several Ages of Eighteen and Sixteen Years; and the Rules, Orders and Constitutions in the said first mentioned Act particularly exprest, and all and every other Rule, Order and Constitution made for restraining any Waterman, Wherryman or Lighterman, that now are, or shall be hereafter Free of the said Company, from taking and breeding of Apprentices, shall be, and are, and is thereby repealed and declared to be void, and of none Effect. AND that the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*, shall and may, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, review, re-examine, alter

XVIC*Clause*

alter or amend, all such Rules and By-Laws which relate to the Apprentices of Watermen and Lightermen, and all other Orders and Constitutions which have been made then, before, or which shall hereafter be made for the Government of the said Watermen and Lightermen; which Alterations and Amendments shall be subject to the Approbation of the Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of *Queen's Bench* for the Time being; and that all such Rules, Orders and Constitutions so reviewed, re-examined, altered, or amended and approved, shall be well and duly observed and put in Execution; the said recited Acts or Rules, or any other Act, Clause or Rule, Order or Constitution to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Now the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen of *London*, at a Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, held at the *Guildhall* of the said City, the 23d Day of *March*, *Anno Dom.* 1707, and in the Seventh Year of Her said Majesty's Reign, in pursuance of the Power and Authority given to them, have seriously and deliberately re-viewed, re-examined, altered and amended all such Rules and By-

By-Laws of the said Company which relate to Apprentices of Watermen and Lightermen, and all other the Orders and Constitutions of the said Company, for the Government of the said Company of Watermen and Lightermen, and have settled and established the same to be duly observed and put in Execution by the said Company from Time to Time, according to the Purport, true Intent and Meaning of the Statutes and Laws in that behalf made and provided, which Rules, Orders, By-Laws and Constitutions so reviewed, re-examined, and by them so altered and amended, are as followeth: *viz.*

1. A General Court.

IMPRIMIS, That a Court of Assistants of the said Company shall be called by the Rulers, and held by the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants of the said Company, or the major Part of them, in the Common-Hall or Meeting-place of the said Company in *London*, Four Times at the least in every Year; (That is to say) in the Months of *May, August, November, and February*, and oftener, if Twenty of the said Auditors and Assistants for the Time being, shall under their Hands desire the same; to which all the Auditors and Assistants for the Time being, shall by Order

Order of the said Rulers, or the major Part of them, given to the Clerk of the said Company, be duly summoned, by leaving a Summons in Writing, under the Hand of the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, at their respective Dwellings, or usual Places of Abode, Three Days before such Court of Assistants is to be held and kept; and that such of the said Rulers, or Clerk, neglecting their Duty therein, shall forfeit and pay to the Use of the Poor of the said Company, the Sum of Five Pounds.

ITEM, That when the major Part of the said Company are met and assembled to keep such Court, they shall in the first Place elect and choose a fit and able Person from amongst themselves to be Chairman of the said Court, who shall take care to see decent and good Order kept and maintained there by the respective Members thereof, and also in all Matters and Things there proposed and debated; and if the said Chairman for the Time being, shall leave the Chair without the Consent of the said Court, such Chairman, so offending, shall forfeit Five Pounds. And also, if any Member of the said Court shall there demean himself

II. *The Chairman of the General Court,*

himself turbulently or disorderly, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

III. *Choice of Clerk and Beadles, and the Clerk's Bond and Duty.*

ITEM, That the Clerk, Beadles, and all other the Publick Officers and Servants of the said Company, shall annually in *December*, and oftener, if occasion shall require, be elected and chosen at a General Court of Rulers, Auditors and Assistants of the said Company, and not otherwise; and that the Clerk, together with Two sufficient Sureties (to be approved by the said Rulers, Auditors and Assistants, or the major Part of them in a Court of Assistants) shall within Fourteen Days after such Election, enter into a Bond, in the Penalty of One Thousand Pounds, to the Chamberlain of *London* for the Time being, with Condition thereto, as hereafter followeth:—*viz.* *The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above-bound A. B. who is elected Clerk to the Company of Watermen and Lightermen Rowing upon the River of Thames, shall well and truly observe, perform and keep the several Rules, Orders and Constitutions made, or hereafter to be made, for the better Rule and Government of the said Company, on his Part*

to be observed, performed and kept, and in all other Things well and honestly behave himself, and faithfully discharge his Trust, in the Execution of the said Place, for so long a Time as he shall continue therein; and shall not embezzle or mis-employ any Sum or Sums of Money belonging to the Common Stock of the said Company which shall come to his Hands, then this Obligation to be void, or else to be and remain in full Force and Virtue. And in case of Failure to enter into the said Bond, such Election shall be void, any former Order or Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which said Bond shall be so taken by the Town-Clerk of the City of *London*, as hath been usual, and by him kept in Trust for the said Company, and to be put in Suit upon Application made to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen by the General-Court of this Company, and giving the Chamberlain for the Time being, Security to save him harmless against Costs of Suit, by Reason of such Prosecution; and the Clerk for the Time being, shall keep a Book, and therein duly enter Minutes of all Orders and Resolutions of the General Court and Courts of Rulers, and other Publick
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Meetings, and draw up Orders thereupon within Four Days after, and present the same to the next Court, to be considered, and altered or approved; and after such Approbation, shall, within Six Days, post and fairly enter such Orders in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings for every Omission.

IV. Orders
to be Observed
by every
Court of Rulers.

ITEM, That at the Meeting of every Court of Rulers, a Receiver from among themselves shall be chosen, who shall, for that Day, keep the Key of the Court-Box, and an Account in Writing of what each Person hath that Day paid; and upon telling over that Day's Cash in the Presence of the Clerk, and the major Part of the Rulers then present, and comparing the same with such Receivers, and the Clerk's Entries; if there shall happen to be any Deficiency in the Cash received, such Receiver shall make good the same at the then next Court of Rulers, or forfeit to the Use of the Poor of this Company, double as much as was so deficient: But if the Cash appears to be more than was entered by such Receiver or Clerk, then shall such Receiver and Clerk make a particular Entry of such Overplus, or shall forfeit
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Twenty Shillings for every Five Shillings not so accounted for; and at the close of every such Court, the Rulers then present shall sign the Day-book, or each of them neglecting so to do, shall forfeit to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Twenty Shillings. And it is further ordered, That but one Business shall be under the Consideration of the Court at one Time, in which the Chairman in such Court shall keep good Order; And that such Ruler who in that Court behaves himself disorderly, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid the Sum of Five Shillings; and in every such Court a small Table of Court Fees shall lie before the Rulers, to the Intent the said Fees may be more readily known; and if the Beadle or Beadles who for the Time being shall keep the Hall-Door or Doors, shall voluntarily let in any Person (Rulers or Clerk excepted) without Order from the Chairman for the Time being, such Beadle, for every such Offence, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, Two Shillings and Six-pence. And it is further ordered, That the *Sunday* Ferry-money shall be from henceforth kept separate from the other Cash belonging to the Company; and if any Ruler shall mix them together, so that it can-

not be known how much is *Sunday Ferry-money*, and what the other Cash of the Company so mixed, doth amount unto, he shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds And it is further ordered, That the proper Business of all Members shall be heard in that Order in which they come; And one of the Beadles then present, shall enter every Person down in that Order in which he came to that Court, and give a List of such Names to the Chairman for the Time being, or forfeit Two Shillings and Six-pence. But if the Rulers cannot hear all Persons which attend on any one Court-day, then such Person or Persons shall be first heard, in their former Turns, at the next subsequent Court, as soon as they shall respectively come thereunto, any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary hereof in any-wise notwithstanding.

V. No Members of a General Court to take Money, &c. to give his own or to solicit another's Vote, &c.

ITEM, That if any Member of the said Company shall, or do, directly or indirectly, by himself, or any Person or Persons, receive or take any Fee or Reward to give his Vote or Suffrage, or to solicit or procure any other Member to give his Vote or Suffrage in any Election, or any other Matter or Thing to be ordered, settled,

tled or done in any such Court, or at any other Assembly or Meeting of the said Company, or the Overseers or Rulers thereof, such Person or Persons so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid the Sum of Ten Pounds; and shall be also therefore disabled to continue, or be a Member of any of the said Courts, or hold any Office of or in the said Company.

ITEM, That if any Three of the VI. *A Ruler, Auditor, Comptrollers of this Company, for the Time being, shall under their Hands charge before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, any Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Comptroller, Clerk, or other Officer, with such an Offence, for which his Place or Office ought to be forfeited, and shall convict him thereof before the said Court, (Ten Days Time at the least having been first allowed the said Offender to make his Defence) that then, and in every such Case, the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen shall and may remove and discharge every such Person or Persons so convicted from his Place and Office; and so many others shall (according to the Rules and Constitutions of this Company) be chosen in their Room.* *Assistant, or Clerk, for Corruption, &c. may be dismissed.*

VII. *All Members of a General Court to appear.* ITEM, If any Member of such Court of Assistants, being duly summonsed as aforesaid, shall and do, without just and reasonable Cause, absent himself, and neglect to appear according to such Summons; or having appeared, shall depart without Leave of the said Court, before such Court be dismissed, without such Cause; that then, and in either of such Cases, such Person so offending shall forfeit and pay, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

VIII. *All bound and made free, to be fairly entered.* ITEM, The Rulers, for the Time being, shall provide and keep one or more large and convenient Book or Books, wherein from the proper Day-books, by the Clerk for the Time being, shall be registered, from Time to Time, every Apprentice of the said Company, or Person to be made free of the said Company, within Ten Days next after such Binding or Freedom respectively; and the Day and Year when, and the true Name and Place of Abode of any such Person so bound, or made free, and how long he served, or how else such Person became entitled unto his Freedom, from Time to Time; and if the said Clerk shall omit or neglect to make such Entry or Register, he shall, for every such Offence, forfeit

forfeit and pay, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds.

ITEM, That every Waterman and Lighterman, free, or to be free of the said Company, and registered as aforesaid, or his or their Widow, shall or may take and bind, to serve him or her as Apprentice or Apprentices, as many Persons as he or she shall think fit, to the intent that the Number of Watermen and Lightermen may be increased for the Service of her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, and the better carrying on the Trade and Merchandize of her Majesty's Subjects, both in Peace and War. And it is further ordered and agreed, That if any Master or Mistress shall cause or suffer his or their Servant or Apprentice, contrary to the Statute in that Case made and provided, to take on board any Person or Persons, or his or their Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, to carry the same upon the said River of *Thames*, before such Servant or Apprentice hath rowed with some able Waterman for the Space of Two Years; every such Master or Mistress, for every such Offence, shall forfeit and pay, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

IX. Every Member may take as many Apprentices as he will, but none till two Years bound to carry Passengers or Goods.

X. *Apprentices how to be bound, turned over, registered, and made free.*

ITEM, Every such Master and Mistress shall bind every such Apprentice by Indenture, attested and subscribed by the Clerk of the said Company, and Two of the Rulers at the least, at the Common Hall, in the said City of *London*, and not elsewhere, to serve him or her for the Term of Seven Years at the least, and shall then and there cause such binding to be duly and fairly entered and registered in a Book of the said Company, to be by them provided and kept for that Purpose. And further, That such Apprentice shall not be bound, assigned over, registered, or made free of the said Company, but when the major Part of the Rulers are present, and not until the End of Seven Years, to be accounted from the true and real Time of such Binding as aforesaid, and all other Bindings, Assignings, Over-registerings, and Freedoms, shall be, and are hereby declared to be void, and of none Effect.

XI. *None to be made free till he hath served Seven Years.*

ITEM, That no Apprentice shall be made free of the said Company, unless he hath actually served his Master or Mistress as a Waterman or Lighterman, or Her Majesty, Her Heirs, or Successors as a Seamen, for the Term of Two Years at the least, before admitted to go
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to Sea on Board any Merchant-ship, tho' with the Consent of his Master or Mistress, and during Seven Years in the Whole, after which he shall be duly entitled to his Freedom of the said Company; and all Freedoms shall hereafter be made and passed in the Presence of the major Part of the Rulers at the least, and the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, who shall then enter and register the same Freedoms; and the major Part of the Rulers then present, and the Clerk shall subscribe their Names as Witnesses thereof; and in Default of so doing, such Ruler or Rulers, or Clerk, who shall neglect their Duty therein, shall each and every of them respectively forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds: And the Person made free contrary hereunto, shall be struck out of the Company's Books, and his Freedom so obtained shall be null and void. And that no Apprentice, duly entitled to be made free of the said Company, shall be denied to be made free of the same in Manner aforesaid, nor omitted to be registered as is above directed; and in Case the Rulers or Clerk of the said Company, being thereunto requested by such Apprentice, shall refuse or neglect

so to do, every Person so offending, shall, for every such Refusal or Neglect, forfeit and pay, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Pounds.

XII. *All Apprentices, after their Master's Death, to be turned over, &c.*

ITEM, That every Apprentice, whose Master or Mistress shall happen to die, or give over his or her Employment, not exercising the same by himself or Servant) upon the said River, shall within Fourteen Days (if at Home) apply himself to the Rulers for the Time being, and shall at his Request, and by his Consent, be by them, or the major Part of them, turned over to some other able and fit Master or Mistress, being free of the said Company, and willing to take him, by indorsing such Turn-over upon his Indenture of Apprenticeship, and registering the same by a *Memorandum* under the Entry of his first Binding; and in Default thereof, such Apprentice shall serve the Time of such Neglect over again to some new Master or Mistress; but it shall and may be lawful for such Apprentice, when at Sea, to signify by his Letter, subscribed by Two Witnesses, that he desires to be turned over to such new Master or Mistress as he shall in such Letter particularly name, to serve the remaining Part of his Time; and upon producing

ducing such Letter to the Rulers, when in proper Court, he shall be turned over accordingly ; and every Ruler that shall refuse to turn over an Apprentice according to this Order, shall, for every such Refusal, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds.

ITEM, That no Apprentice, before the time of his Apprenticeship be expired, shall, without the Consent of his Master or Mistress first had and obtained in writing, under his or her Hand, depart from his said Master or Mistress upon any pretence or occasion whatsoever, unless to enter himself a Volunteer, into the Sea-Service of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or be impressed into her Majesty's Service at Sea, or to serve on Board some Merchant-Man, by the Consent of his Master or Mistress, whereby his Wages and Pay shall and do belong to his Master or Mistress ; And every Apprentice so departing, save as aforesaid, shall thereby lose the Time he shall so absent himself, and shall serve his Master or Mistress so long after the Expiration of the Term of his Apprenticeship, as he was so unduly absent from his or her Service, or make his Master or Mistress full Satisfaction for such Absence, before he

XIII. No
Apprentice to
leave his ser-
vice, unless
to serve the
Queen, &c.

he shall be admitted to his Freedom of the said Company, or permitted to row as a Waterman, or work as a Lighterman upon the said River.

ITEM, If any Waterman or Lighterman, when going to, or being at Sea, shall leave with, or send to his Wife, or any Three of the Rulers of the said Company, a General Letter of Attorney, or a Special Letter of Attorney for that Purpose, she or they shall have the same Liberty of Binding and making Free their Apprentices as if their said Husbands were at the same time present.— And if any Wife or Friends of any Member of this Company, when Abroad, shall apply to the Rulers, for the Time being, on behalf of such Member, to make such Apprentice Free, who shall then appear to be duly entituled to his Freedom, the Rulers, for the Time being, shall thereupon make such Apprentice Free of the said Company.

XV. None to be kept before Bound, above Forty Days upon Trial. ITEM, That no Person shall be kept by any Freeman of the said Company, upon Trial more than Forty Days, before he shall be duly bound and registered as his Apprentice, upon pain that every Person offending therein, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of
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Twenty Shillings for every Week after he shall so keep such Person so unbound and unregistered.

ITEM, That no Person Free of the said Company, nor his or their Apprentices or Servants, shall on the Lord's-Day Ply or Row upon the said River, unless upon an extraordinary Occasion to be allowed of by some Justice of the Peace, or such as are appointed so to do, as afore said, upon pain of Five Shillings; nor shall strike nor revile any Ruler, Auditor, or Assistant, upon pain of Ten Shillings; nor any other Free Waterman or Lighterman, or his Apprentice, or any Passenger upon the said River, upon pain of Two Shillings; nor ply nor row when Drunk, nor shall suffer any Fare unskilled to row with both Sculls when in Drink, nor shall prophanely Curse or Swear, upon pain of Two Shillings; which Offences shall be proved before the major Part of the said Rulers; and if such an Offender then be an Apprentice and do refuse to pay the said respective Penalties, he shall receive moderate Correction from his said Master before the major Part of the Rulers, or else such Master shall pay such respective Penalties for him.

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XVII. No ITEM, That no Victualler shall be
Victualler to capable to be elected or made a Ruler,
be of the Ge- Auditor, Assistant, Clerk or Beadle to
neral Court the said Company; and in Case any Per-
or Office of son after he shall be chosen a Ruler,
the Company. Auditor, Assistant, Clerk or Beadle, shall
 and do by himself, or by his Wife, or any
 other, set up, use or keep a Victualling-
 house, Brandy-house, or other Publick-
 house for sale of Liquors, during such
 Time as he shall be a Ruler, Auditor,
 Assistant, Clerk or Beadle; every Person
 so doing, shall forfeit and pay to the Use
 aforesaid the Sum of Ten Shillings a
 Week for every Week he shall continue
 so to do; and no Member of this Compa-
 ny shall hereafter be capable of being
 chosen an Assistant at any other Stairs,
 but where he doth usually Ply.

XVIII. A ITEM, It is farther agreed and ordered,
Member of a That if any one or more of the Rulers or
general Court Auditors shall happen to die, or be turned
dying, or out for Corruption in his or their Office,
turned out, a or any other reasonable Cause, or shall
new one to be Fine for not Serving his Office, during
chosen. the Year wherein such Ruler or Au-
 ditor was to have served in such Office;
 That then, and in every such Case,
 the Place of the Person or Persons so
 dying, or being dismissed, or refusing to
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serve as aforefaid, ſhall be ſupplied by electing others in his or their ſtead, in the ſame manner as is before appointed for their firſt Choice.

ITEM, The Rulers and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company for the Time being, or the major Part of them, on the firſt Day of *May*, yearly and every Year, (except it falls on a *Sunday*, and then on the *Monday* next following) ſhall at a Court by them to be held, chooſe Five Perſons, able and fit Watermen, underſtanding Accounts, not then being a Ruler or Rulers of the ſaid Company, and Two Perſons, able and fit Lightermen, underſtanding Accounts, not then being a Ruler or Rulers, to be preſented yearly to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, at the firſt Court of Aldermen that ſhall be holden in the Month of *July* then next following, to the intent that they may be examined; and if found ſo fitly qualified, then to be admitted, approved, and allowed to be Auditors of the Accounts of the Rulers and others of the ſaid Company for the Year enſuing. But in caſe the ſaid Court ſhall upon Examination, find them, or any of them, not as before duly qualified to ſerve the ſaid Office of Auditor of the ſaid Accounts, and
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XIX. *Auditors to be choſen.*

shall therefore refuse to approve and admit such Person or Persons so found unfit, and not duly qualified to execute the said Trust and Office, then the said Rulers and Assistants of the said Company for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall within Ten Days after such Refusal duly summons, or cause to be summoned a Court of Rulers and Assistants; and then and there other fit Persons understanding Accounts, shall be elected and chosen by the said Court, instead of such as were so found unfit, and not duly qualified as aforesaid, to serve the said Office, and therefore rejected by the said Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, as aforesaid; and shall present such Person or Persons so newly elected and chosen, to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen within fourteen Days next after such new Choice and Election, to be examined by the then next subsequent Court of Aldermen, or within One Month next after such Presentment as aforesaid; and if qualified as aforesaid, then to be admitted to execute the said Office; who when so established, shall examine and audit the Accounts of the Rulers and others of the said Society and Company for the Time being, twice in every Year,
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from Year to Year, as aforesaid, and oftener, if the said general Court shall so Order: And it is further ordered, That the said Rulers shall upon all Occasions that shall happen, other than what relates to the entering of Apprentices, and making them Free, or the like, summons the said Auditors for their Advice and Assistance, in the Ordering and Management of the Affairs of the said Company; And if what the said Auditors, or the major Part of them then present, shall disallow in the said Accounts, be objected against by the said Rulers, or the Majority of them, or other such Particulars in such Accounts so objected against, shall be presented to the next general Court of Rulers and Assistants, by them to be settled; and if they cannot duly settle and adjust the same, then, upon Complaint thereof, and Appeal to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, such Dispute and Difference shall be there heard, in order to determine the same, if they can, in such Manner as to them shall seem just and reasonable, for the common Good of the said Company.

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XX. *Rulers* ITEM, That no Ruler or Rulers of the
not to expend said Company, shall expend or lay out in
above 5l. in any one Year above the Sum of Five
one Year and Pounds, without an Order of a general
to prosecute Court of the said Company for the Time
Offenders. being, or refuse effectually to Prosecute
any Offenders against any of the Laws or
Constitutions of this Company, when due
Proof shall appear before them ; and that
such Ruler or Rulers acting contrary
hereunto, shall, when duly convicted
thereof, be dismissed from being a Ruler,
and not capable of being any more
elected into the said Office, or other
Employment in the said Company.

XXI. *Ru-* ITEM, That the Rulers for the Time
lers to ap- being, according to the ancient Customs
point plying- shall yearly and every Year, in the Month
places. of *June*, set forth and appoint the Plying-
Places of all Watermen, at each of their
respective Towns and Plying-Places, be-
tween *Vauxhall* above, and *Lymehouse*
below *London-Bridge*, by the usual
and accustomed Mark : And in neg-
lect thereof, each and every of the said
Rulers shall forfeit and pay to the Use
aforesaid, the Sum of Twenty Shillings.
And that the said Rulers shall once
in Two Years, in the Month of *July*,
set forth and appoint the Plying-
Places

Places between *Vauxhall* and *Windsor*:
And likewise once in Two Years, all
Places where Watermen shall ply, between
Limehouse and *Gravesend*; and in Neglect
thereof, each of the said Rulers for the
Time being, shall forfeit and pay to the
Use aforesaid, the Sum of Forty Shil-
lings.

ITEM, If any Waterman having in XXII. *None*
his Boat or Wherry any Passengers, and *to tow a Boat*
at the same Time shall presume to fasten *when he car-*
to his said Boat any other Boat, to tow *ries a Pas-*
the same after him, he shall forfeit and *senger.*
pay, for every such Offence, to the Use
aforesaid, the Sum of Half a Crown.

ITEM, If any Waterman or Lighter-XXIII. *A*
man be summoned to appear as a Wit- *Witness sum-*
ness against any other Waterman or *moned to have*
Lighterman, charged with the Breach of *Allowance, a*
any known Law, Rule, Order or Consti- *false Inform-*
tution of this Company, in Order to the *er to make*
Convicting him or them of any Offence, *Satisfaction.*
the Person so summoned, and attending
accordingly, shall, for his or their Ser-
vice or Attendance, have such Satisfac-
tion as the said Rulers, or the major Part
of them, for the Time being, in their Dis-
cretion shall think reasonable; and if the
Person or Persons complaining shall not
make due Proof against the Person of
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whom the Complaint is made; the said Complainant shall make such reasonable Satisfaction to the Person so unjustly accused, as the said Rulers in their Discretion shall think fit and convenient; such Allowance not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

XXIV. *Forfeitures for not appearing upon Summons.*

ITEM, If any Waterman or Lighterman shall be duly summoned to appear, to answer any Complaint, and shall not appear, (not having a reasonable Excuse) he shall, for such his Non-appearance forfeit and pay One Shilling; and on the second Summons forfeit and pay the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence; and for such Non-appearance, upon every subsequent Summons. not having such Excuse, the Sum of Five Shillings.

XXV. *None to hinder others passing to or from the Stairs.*

ITEM, That no Waterman or his Apprentice shall stick up and lay his Boat at his Staff, so as to hinder and prevent due and orderly passing of any Boat or Wherry unto or from any Stairs or Landing-places, or to or from the Road's-end of the Boats, but shall lie and stick up their said Staves clear of the said Stairs or Landing-places; and beyond the said Road's-end, on pain that the Owners of every such Boat, lying in any other Manner, shall forfeit and pay, for every

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such Offence, the Sum of Six-pence, to the Use aforesaid.

ITEM, That the Rulers, Auditors, ^{XXVI. Rulers, Auditors and Assistants,} Assistants, Comptrollers and Trustees of the said Company, for the Time being, ^{Trustees and Comptrollers} from Time to Time, shall serve the said Company in each of their respective ^{to serve without Fee or} Stations and Offices, without any Fee or ^{Reward.} Reward.

ITEM, If any Waterman, or their ^{XXVII. None rowing along the} Apprentice, while rowing along the ^{Shore to ply} Shore, between *Vauxhall* and *Limehouse*) shall ply, or take in any Fare or ^{one about to} Passenger coming down, or standing on ^{take Water} the Stairs or Shore, as about to take ^{with ano-} Water, that have agreed, or are treating ^{ther.} in Order to agree with a Waterman to carry them to their respective Landing, he shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, (besides making Satisfaction to the Person wronged, according to the Wrong received) to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of One Shilling.

ITEM, If any Waterman shall here- ^{XXVIII. Rules for} after presume to ply any Fare, for the ^{plying Fares.} carrying such Fare, their Goods, or Merchandizes, before he shall have arrived to the publick Place of being plied, or stand and ply before the Plying-place from Time to Time set forth and appointed

pointed by the Rulers for the Time being, or their Order, or shall follow any Fare, when taking Water, beyond the usual Mark appointed to restrain them; Every Waterman, and their Apprentice offending herein, shall each of them forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of One Shilling; and also make full Satisfaction to the Person wronged (if any be) according to the Value of the Fare so carried.

XXIX. *Those rowing with the Tide to give others Notice.* ITEM, If any Waterman rowing with the Tide or Stream, shall neglect to give Notice or Warning (which he is hereby required to give) at a reasonable Distance, to all Persons rowing across or against the Stream or Tide; if any Damage happen, the Waterman offending shall not only make Satisfaction for such Damage as the other Waterman shall sustain by such Neglect, but shall, for every such Offence, further forfeit and pay, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of One Shilling: And every Waterman who shall interrupt, or any Ways hinder the Passing or Landing of any of the Nobility's Barges, or other Barges carrying Passengers, or any Tilt-boat, Row-barge, or Light-horseman, having from them respectively due Notice given, he

he shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, Half a Crown.

ITEM, That no Waterman, between *Gravesend and Windsor*, shall ply any Fare or Passengers, except his Boat or Wherry be at the Stairs or Place at which they ply, in Order to receive the said Fare or Passengers, on Pain to forfeit and pay, as aforesaid, Five Shillings. XXX. *None to ply unless his Boat be at the Stairs.*

ITEM, If any Waterman plying the Long Ferry Westward, shall receive or take in to any small Boat or Wherry, or have therein above the Number of Ten Passengers at one Time, or shall carry any Passengers from the Place at which he first plied them, to any other Stairs or Place, with an Intent to ply other Passengers, (except such Passengers as stand and call them in by the Way, or to meet such Passengers as before have appointed them) every Waterman, transgressing in either of those Kinds, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six-pence. XXXI. *None plying Westward to take in above Ten Passengers.*

ITEM, No Waterman plying the Long Ferry, shall hereafter presume to ply any Fare, about to take Water with some other Waterman (whose proper Turn it is) XXXII. *Plying the long Ferry.*

for the Town-stairs or Plying-place at which he lives or plies, except such Fare shall signify his or her Knowledge of such Waterman, or the Waterman prove his Knowledge of such Fare ; or the said Fare shall ask for a Waterman living or plying at such respective Town or Stairs, on Pain of forfeiting for every such Offence, besides making Satisfaction to the Party thereby deprived of his Fare, the Sum of One Shilling to the Use aforesaid.

XXXIII. *Plying between Woolwich and Kingston.* ITEM, That all Watermen plying at any Town-stairs or Plying-places, between *Woolwich*, in the County of *Kent*, and *Kingston upon Thames*, in the County of *Surrey*, shall keep Way, (that is to say) First come to have the Preference of him that comes after ; provided this Order shall not extend to hinder or prevent the Watermen of the several Stairs and Plying-places from keeping a Morning Turn, which shall hereafter be kept from *Lady-day* to *Michaelmas*, at Seven of the Clock in the Morning, and from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-day* at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, at which Hours the Country Watermen shall have equal Privilege and Turn-keeping with the Townsmen, provided neither Townsmen nor Countrymen have had a Fare before

before those Hours, above the Value of Six-pence for every Pair of Oars, and Three-pence for every Sculler in each Morning; and every Waterman, within the Limits aforesaid, who shall transgress in either of those Kinds, shall forfeit and pay, (besides making Satisfaction to the Person wronged, according to the Wrong received) for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Six-pence.

ITEM, That every Ruler and Assistant, XXXIV.
and other Officer, having received a Com- *Rulers or*
plaint of and against any Waterman or *Assistants re-*
Lighterman, or knowing of any Offence *ceiving any*
committed by any Member of this So- *Complaint, or*
ciety, contrary to any of the Rules there- *knowing of*
of, shall give Notice thereof to the next *any Offence,*
Court of Rulers held by them, or within *shall inform.*
Ten Days, on Pain to forfeit and pay,
for every such Neglect, to the Use afore-
said, the Sum of Five Shillings.

ITEM, That from henceforth all Per- XXXV.
sons navigating any Lighter or Lighters, *Lighters*
or any other Craft, to or from any Ship, *shall have*
or Vessel, or any Place of loading or *their Turns.*
unloading (where they have a Right to
load or unload) shall observe their pro-
per Turn or Turns; that is to say, the
said first Lighter or Craft laid on Board
the Ship or Vessel, or coming to any

Place of loading or unloading, to have the Preference of them that come after, both in loading and Place of lying, till loaded or unloaded: And each Person that by Force, Violence or otherwise, shall hinder or prevent him whose proper Turn it is, so to load or unload, shall forfeit and pay to the Person wronged of his said Turn, the Sum of Forty Shillings; and shall further forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

XXXVI.
*Lighters
turned a-
drift.*

ITEM, If any Lighter or Flat-boat be turned a-drift, or by any Means shall happen to be a-drift, or be taken away from any Ship or Vessel, or any Place of loading or unloading, by any Person whatsoever (except the Owner or his Servant) or by their, or either of their Consents, such Lighter, Flat-boat, or other Craft, shall not lose their Turn in loading or unloading those Goods they were to load or unload: Provided the said Lighter or other Craft be brought on Board the said Ship or Vessel, or Place of loading or unloading, the next Flood or Ebb after she so happened to go, or be taken from the said Ship, or Place of loading or unloading, as aforesaid; and such Person or Persons who, without such
Consent,

Consent, turned the said Lighter, or other Craft, a-drift from the said Ship or Vessel, or Place of Loading or Unloading; or who, when the said Craft is returned on board, or to the Place of Loading or Unloading, shall any ways hinder or molest the Person employed in working the said Craft, to load or unload in his proper Turn, as he was to have done before the turning or going away of the said Lighter, or other Craft, as aforesaid, he or they, so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the Person wronged Twenty Shillings; and to the Use of the Poor, aforesaid, Five Shillings.

ITEM, That all Lightermen, and their XXXVII.
 Servants, working in and bringing up *Lightermen*
 any Lighter or other Craft on the Flood- *a. high as*
 tide, and being therein as high as *Tower-*
Dock, shall put their said Lighters, or *Dock to put*
 other Craft, under Way, and in their pro- *their Vessels*
 per Ranks, without striving to get into *under Way,*
&c.
London-Bridge one before another, which
 is of dangerous Consequence to Persons,
 Goods and Lives; and if any Lighter-
 man, or his Servant, or Apprentice, shall
 offend in either of these Kinds, such Per-
 son, so offending, shall forfeit and pay,
 to the Use of the Poor aforesaid, the
 Sum

Sum of Five Shillings, besides making Satisfaction for the Damages sustained.

XXXVIII

*Not to carry
above one
Lighter at
a Time thro'
London-
Bridge, ex-
cept, &c.*

ITEM, That no Lighterman, or his Servants, or Apprentice, shall hereafter presume to row or navigate through *London-Bridge*, on the Flood-tide, above one Lighter, or one Flat-boat, or other like Craft, at one Time (except at High-water) nor on the Ebb at a Horsing-water, (that is to say) at such Times of Tide as it is probable the said Lighter or other Craft may stop in the Bridge, on Pain of making Satisfaction to every Person thereby wronged, and also to forfeit and pay, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings: And if any Person working in any Lighter, or other Craft, for want of Care or Skill to work in the said Bridge, his Lighter or other Craft shall stop therein, every such Lighterman shall not only make full Satisfaction to the Persons thereby damnified, but shall also forfeit and pay, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings: And if any Controversy shall happen to arise thereupon, the Rulers, for the Time being, shall hear, and endeavour to determine the same.

ITEM,

ITEM, That if it happens that any XXXIX.
 Lighter or other Craft shall stop in the *A Lighter*
 Bridge, the Person working the same *stopping in*
 shall, with all possible Speed, send a Man *the Bridge;*
 in a Boat, to give Notice to all such Per- *Notice there-*
 sons as are working of any Craft between
 the said Bridge and St. *Katherine's-Dock*
 on the Flood-tide, and between the said
 Bridge and *Queenhithe* on the Ebb-tide,
 to the End they may timely secure the
 same; and if it happens in the Night
 Time that any Craft is so stopt in the said
 Bridge, besides the Notice to be given
 in a Boat, as aforesaid, there shall also
 be set up a Light in the Vessel so stopt
 (or some other convenient Place) as a
 Sign or Token of the Lock being stopt,
 that others may avoid the Danger: And
 every Master of Craft, or their Servants
 or Apprentices, neglecting to do as afore-
 said, shall forfeit and pay, for every such
 Neglect, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum
 of Ten Shillings: But if an Offender be
 an Apprentice, and the Master of such
 Servant or Apprentice shall refuse to pay
 the said Penalty for him, then the said
 Servant shall suffer the severest Correc-
 tion and Punishment as by Law can be
 inflicted upon him for the same.

ITEM,

XL. *None to carry his Lighter thro' Bridge, when the Water is not sufficient to carry them over the Hill.* **ITEM,** That if any Person row or navigate any Lighter, or other large Craft, through *London-Bridge*, on the Flood-tide, before the Water is of sufficient Height to carry such Lighter over the Hill, on the other Side of the said Bridge, and shall stop thereon; each Person, so offending, shall forfeit and pay, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings, and make full Satisfaction to every Person receiving Damage by Reason thereof.

XLI. *For buying and selling Coals.* **ITEM,** If any Lighterman shall buy Coals of one Sort, and vouch them to be of another Sort, which gives great Disappointment, and is of very ill Consequence to the Consumer; every Person therein offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings, to the Use aforesaid.

XLII. *Lightermen to sell Water-measure, &c.* **ITEM,** It is agreed and ordered, that all Lightermen selling Coals, shall sell Pool-measure, commonly called Water-measure; that is to say, One and Twenty Chaldron to the Score, or otherwise to sell the same Measure each Person buys, (provided the Parcel be Five Chaldron and a Vat at the least) and each Person doing the contrary, shall forfeit and pay for every Vat of Coals sold short of the Measure,

Measure so bought, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Forty Shillings; and shall likewise make to the Person or Persons he hath so defrauded of his just Measure, full Satisfaction according, to the Wrong done, or forfeit Ten Pounds to the Use aforesaid; and shall also be posted up at the four Corners of *Billingsgate-Market*, as a fraudulent and unjust Person, when and so oft as such Offender or Offenders shall be discovered, save only that out of the Penalty aforesaid, there shall be paid by the Rulers for the Time being to such Persons as shall true Information give against any such Offender, the Sum of Forty Shillings.

ITEM, If any Lighterman, or his XLIII.
Apprentice, shall hereafter presume to *None to use*
take and use any other Man's Lighter, or *another's*
other Craft, without Leave first had and *Lighter, &c.*
obtained of the proper Owner thereof, every such Offender shall not only forfeit and pay to such Owner all such Sum and Sums of Money as he earned in the said Craft while he used the same, but also make full Satisfaction to the Person wronged, according to the Wrong received; and also forfeit and pay, to the Use of the Poor aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

ITEM,

XLIV. *Against employing a Foreigner, or working, or using a Foreigner's Lighter, &c.*

ITEM, If any Lighterman or Waterman shall, at any Time or Times hereafter, set at work to row upon the said River, any Person not free of the said Company, or shall load in or navigate on the River of *Thames*, any Lighter, Flatboat, or other Craft, owned by or belonging to any unregistered Person (Wharfingers or Woodmongers, of *London*, for their own proper Use excepted) every such Person shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings *per Diem*.

XLV. *Not to cull Coals.*

ITEM, If any Person or Persons, their Servants or Apprentices, shall, while loading Coals from on board any Ship or Vessel, where other Persons have a Share in their said loading with them, into any of their Lighters, or other Craft, pick or cull any of the Coals in the said Ship, (that is to say) of the largest, fairest and roundest of the said Coals to put into the said Lighters, or other their said Craft, amongst the rest of their said loading; every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every Chaldron of Coals, amongst which such picked Coals shall be mixed, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

ITEM,

ITEM, That no Lighterman shall join in Partnership as a Lighterman, to trade or deal in Coals, or in the owning and occupying of any Lighter, or other Craft, for the carrying of any Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever with any Person not registered, as aforesaid, as a Lighterman, on pain to forfeit and pay for every Lighter, or other Craft, being so worked, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings a Day for each Day the same shall be worked; and for every Chaldron of Coals disposed of and sold in such Partnership, to forfeit and pay, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

XLVI. No Lighterman to take a Person unregistered to be Partner.

ITEM, If any Lighterman, having any Lighter or Lighters, or other Craft, and lying on board (in their Turn) of any Ship or Vessel, the Person working the said Lighter, or other Craft, may, when he is next in Turn, either dispose of his said Turn, or exchange Turn with another Person having any Lighter or other Craft on board the said Ship or Vessel (provided the Person with whom the Exchange was made, as aforesaid, shall load no more than the Person was to have loaded who made the Exchange;) And whosoever of a Lighterman shall obstruct or hinder the said Disposal or

XLVII. The Lighter in Turn, may exchange.

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Exchange of the said Turn, after the said Parties have agreed the same, shall forfeit and pay, to the Party offended, the Sum of Ten Shillings; and also to the Use of the Poor, as aforesaid, Ten Shillings.

XLVIII.
*Nonetolooſen
a Lighter
from its pro-
per Faſt.*

ITEM, If any Lighterman or Waterman, or his or their Apprentice, shall wilfully let loose or cast off the Fast of any Lighter or other like Craft, where the Owner had a Right to fasten the said Craft, so as the said Lighter or other Craft drives from the Place the Owner had bestowed her, each Person, so offending, shall not only pay such Damages as the said Owner shall sustain thereby, but also forfeit and pay, to the Use of the Poor, as aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings; and that if any Lighterman, or his Apprentice, shall take to their own Use any Person's Skiff, Boat, or Sculls, Headfast or Lighters, or other Craft, or their Oars, or other like Instruments or Conveniencies, without Leave first had and obtained of the proper Owner thereof, he shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings, and also make full Satisfaction to the Person wronged, according to the Wrong done; and in case of Controversy,

troverſy touching the ſame, the Rulers for the Time being, or the major Part of them, ſhall hear and endeavour to determine the ſame.

ITEM, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall give Information to the Rulers of the ſaid Company of any unregistered Perſon keeping or working any Lighter or Lighters, or Flat Boat or Boats, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of the Act of Parliament, in that Caſe made and provided, and making due Proof thereof before them, ſhall, for every ſuch Information, receive of the Rulers, for the Time being, out of the Company's Stock, the Sum of Twenty Shillings. XLIX.
*Discovering
an unregiſ-
tered Man
working, &c.*

ITEM, To the End all Rulers, Auditors, Aſſiſtants, Clerk, and other Officers may be puniſhed according to law; and the Conſtitutions of this Company, when ſoever any or either of them ſhall embezzle the Stock of this Company, or in any reſpect act contrary to their reſpective Duties, it is hereby agreed and ordered, That every Firſt Day of May (unleſs on a Sunday, and then on the Monday next following) Five Perſons not being Rulers or Auditors, ſhall be annually choſen to be Comptrollers for the Year then enſuing, who are hereby ordered and L. Comptrol-
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required from Time to Time, within one Month after every Audit of any Accounts of the said Rulers or others, to peruse, examine, and see, that the same be just and true; and to use their utmost Endeavours to discover and prosecute, before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, if a proper Relief can be there had, or otherwise to proceed as by Law they shall be advised, against any Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk, or other Officer, who shall be discovered to embezzle any of the Stock of this Company, or otherwise act contrary to his Duty; and such Comptrollers are hereby ordered and required from Time, to Time, in writing, signed by the major Part of the said Comptrollers, to make Report to the General Court of this Company what Offences they have discovered of any Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk, or other Officer, and what Prosecutions or Proceedings have been made against such Offenders, and the Charge of such Prosecutions to be defrayed by the common Stock of this Company, and such Comptrollers to be subject to and under the Directions of the General Court of this Company for the Time being; and if any Comptroller so chosen, shall refuse to
serve

serve in such his Place and Office, he shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds. And it is hereby further agreed and ordered, That no Auditor or Comptroller shall serve above Two Years successively; And all Rulers Auditors, Assistants, Clerk, and other Officer, and all Members of this Society, are hereby ordered from Time to Time to give due and timely Notice to such Comptrollers of all Embezzlements, or other Offences, committed by any other Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk, or other Officer, which shall come to their Knowledge; and whatsoever Comptroller shall neglect the Discharge of his Duty, according to the Trust hereby reposed in him; or whatsoever other Member shall wittingly and willingly conceal, and not discover such Offenders as aforesaid, for every such Offence he shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Forty Shillings.

ITEM, If any Waterman or Lighter-^{LI. Splitting} man shall at any Time hereafter, happen ^{of Lighters} to have his Boat, Lighter, or other Craft, ^{or Boats.} split, staved, or any ways damnified by the Means of any Waterman or Lighterman, their Journeyman, or Apprentices, the Person so damnified, shall summons

the Offenders before the then Rulers of this Company; and if the Person so summoned, shall refuse to appear, he shall forfeit and pay, for every such Refusal and Neglect, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings: But if such Person shall appear, then the Rulers for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall hear and endeavour to determine the same.

*LII. Light-
ers and Boats
to be number-
ed and regis-
tered.*

ITEM, That all Watermen and Lightermen, who are Owners of any Boat or Boats, Lighter or Lighters, or any Craft, to be employed in carrying or transporting of Goods or Passengers on the River of Thames, and by the late Act of Parliament are subject to the Company of Watermen and Lightermen, shall Mark and Number, or cause to be marked and numbered all and every their said Boats, with plain Figures on the Linings on each Side, just abaft the Wherrit-Stoppers of every Boat and Wherry, and on Lighters and Lighter-built Vessels, with plain Figures on the Bows, and on Barges on the Hudds Boards, to be always in the Day-time plainly seen by all Persons passing on the said River, that the same may be known; and that a Register of the Number thereof, and the Owners Names

Names and Places of Abode be made and kept by the Clerk of the said Company, for the Time being, for any Person injured to view, search and discover Offenders. And further, That if any Watermen or Lightermen, who are, or hereafter shall be Owner or Owners of any such Lighter, Craft or Boat not so marked and numbered as aforesaid, shall not within Fourteen Days, next after Notice given him of such Default; or if he cannot be found, then by a Summons to be set up at the most noted Plying-Places between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, next to the usual Dwelling of such Waterman or Lighterman, requiring him to Mark and Number his Boat or Lighter, or other such Craft; every such Owner refusing or neglecting so to do, for every Week after such Neglect, until they respectively shall so Mark, Number and Register the same as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

ITEM, That from henceforth every **LIIL. Every** Person, as well Watermen as Lighter-*Waterman* men, when they take up their respective *made free to* Freedoms of the Company, or any not *pay 6s. Every* being Watermen, be registered as Light-*Person, ex-*ermen, shall pay for and towards the *cept a Water-* *man) regis-* *tered, to pay* *the same.*

*All to pay
Quarterage;
the Money to
be disposed of
by the Gene-
ral Court.*

Building of a New Hall, within the City of London, or Liberties thereof: If the Court of Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants shall order such Building, or for such other the publick Use or Uses of the said Company, as the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, shall direct and appoint, the Sum of Six Shillings: And that all and every Person and Persons already Free, or hereafter to be made Free of the said Company, shall pay every Quarter (that is to say) at *Lady-Day, Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas*, to the Use of the said Company, the Sum of Sixpence; and for Non-payment of the said Quarterage, upon Demand, shall forfeit and pay to the Use of the Poor of the said Company, the Sum of Five Shillings; which said Money, and all other Money which shall be from Time to Time collected for the registering of Lightermen, and all other the public Money or Stock of the said Company, shall be put, kept, and safely locked up in a strong Chest, with three Locks, to be provided and appointed for that Purpose, by the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants, for the Time being; and the Keys of such Chest to be from Time to Time kept by such Three
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of the Rulers for the Time being, as the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants, from Time to Time shall order and appoint; and each and every of those Rulers so keeping the Keys, shall, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, pay the said Cash in such Chest, and deliver the Keys thereof to such other Rulers, as the said Rulers, Auditors and Assistants shall direct; and the Three Rulers so from Time to Time to be appointed to receive those Keys, shall give the Rulers from whom they shall receive such Cash and Keys, their Receipt for so much as they shall so receive for the Use of the said Company; which Receipts shall be from Time to Time a sufficient Discharge to those Rulers for the Money in such Receipts from Time to Time mentioned and expressed; And all Money so kept in such Chest, shall be from Time to Time paid or laid out, as the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants in a General Court shall direct and appoint, and not otherwise.

ITEM, That the Rulers for the Time being, shall, on the Four usual Quarter Days, (that is to say) on the First Day of *February*, on the First Day of *May*, on the First Day of *August*, and on the

LIV. *The Poor to be paid Quarterly.*

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First Day of *November* in every Year, unless such Days shall fall on a *Sunday*; and then on the next Day following, pay unto such poor Waterman and Lighterman, and their Widows, so much Money as shall from Time to Time be settled to, and for each of them in the Poor's List, by Order of the Court of Rulers, Auditors and Assistants; and that the Clerk of the said Company, for the Time being, shall keep a distinct Account of all Monies received for and paid to the Poor of the said Company in a Book by itself, on pain to forfeit and pay to the Use of the said Poor, Ten Shillings for every Week he shall omit the doing thereof.

LV. *The Rulers to take an Oath, and enter in to Bond.*

ITEM, That the Eleven Persons annually nominated and chosen, and every other Person to be nominated and chosen to be Rulers of the said Company, by the said Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, shall then and there respectively take the Oath usually taken by the Rulers of the said Company, for the due Execution of the said Office; And together with Sureties to be approved by the said Court, severally enter into Bond to the Chamberlain of the said City, for the Time being, in Two Hundred Pounds, or
such

such greater Penalty, to be from Time to Time (as the Case may require) directed by the said Court, with such Condition thereto (*mutatis mutandis*) as if before appointed to be entered into by the Clerk of this Company, in Trust for the said Company, and to be put in Suit upon Application made to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, by the General Court of this Company, and giving the Chamberlain, for the Time being, Security to save him harmless from all Costs of Suit, which may be given against him upon such Prosecutions, or otherwise, by Direction of the said Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, as occasion may require; and in Case any of them shall then and there refuse to take the said Oath, and enter into such Bond, such Refusal thereof shall be taken to be a Refusal of the said Office; and they so refusing, shall respectively forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds, and also be incapable of being chosen Ruler or Rulers of the said Company at any Time within Seven Years next after such Refusal.

ITEM, That no Ruler of the said LVI. *The*
 Company shall demand, receive or take *Ruler, &c.*
 any other or greater Fee or Fees to the *to take no*
more than the
 Use *settled Fees.*

*Clerk or other
Officer, for
that Offence
to be dismissed.*

Use of the said Company, for Business done in the Courts held by the Rulers for Binding of Apprentices, or for making Free those whose Terms are expired, or for the Dispatching of any Business proper to be dispatched by the said Court of Rulers; nor any Clerk, Beadle, or Beadles, to the Use of him or themselves, by virtue or colour of such his or their Office or Offices more, or any other then are or is mentioned, appointed or expressed in a Table of Fees for that Purpose here under-written, intituled, *A Table of Fees to be taken by the Rulers, Clerk, and Officers of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen* (Salaries of such Clerk and Beadles only excepted); and that every Person offending therein, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, treble as much as he or they respectively shall demand and take, above what ought to have been received and taken for the same, according to the Rules appointed by the said Table; and shall also restore to the Person wronged, all that was received more than ought to have been paid or received by the said Table of Fees respectively, and that the said Clerk and Officers therein offending, shall forfeit their Places and Offices.

ITEM,

ITEM, That no Master of a Row-^{LVII. No} Barge, or Light Horseman, carrying ^{Goods to be} Goods and Passengers between ^{placed on the} London and *Windsor*, shall lay, or place, or suffer to be laid or placed upon the Bails ^{Bails.} of such Barge or Light Horseman, any Goods or Passengers, upon pain to forfeit and pay for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

The following Orders relate particularly to the Regulation of the Gravesend Tilt-Boats and Wherries.

ITEM, That no Person shall act as ^{LVIII.} Master, or Chief Steersman of any Tilt-^{Chief Steers-} Boat, Row-Barge, or Light-Horseman, ^{men.} until approved and licensed so to do by ^{Number of} the General Court, under the Penalty of ^{Passengers in} Five Pounds for every such Offence; and ^{a Tilt-boat,} &c. if any Master or Chief Steersman of any Tilt-Boat shall receive or take into his or their Boat or Boats above the Number of Thirty-seven Passengers at one Time, (and Three more if brought on Board by the Way) or if any Master of a Wherry plying the said Ferry (or any of the Ferries of *London, Grays, Greenhithe, Purfleet* or *Erith*) shall take into their Boat

Boat or Wherries above the Number of Seven Passengers at one Time, and Two more if called in by the Way ; every such Master of such Tilt-Boat shall forfeit and pay as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, for every such Offence, for every such Passenger, over and above the said Number, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence; and every Waterman Rowing in a Wherry as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Passenger, over and above the said Number as aforesaid, the like Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

LIX. *Plying the Long-ferry.*

Rules to be observed in plying it.

ITEM, Any Waterman plying the Long-Ferry (that is to say) to and from Gravesend to London, being the Master of a Wherry, and having an Apprentice, shall have free Liberty of Plying and Assisting of any Waterman working with his Apprentice, notwithstanding any former Rules and Orders of this Company to the contrary; provided such Master Ply but to one Boat in each particular Tide: But if he shall ply to more than one Boat at one Tide, he shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings: And if any Waterman plying the said Ferry, shall make breach of, or stand before the publick Plying-place, or shall lay

lay his Hands on any Coach or Bridle of any Horse, or of any Fare or Passenger, or their Goods, without the Consent and Order of the said Fare or Passenger, such Person shall forfeit and pay for each and every of the said Offences, the Sum of One Shilling, and make Satisfaction to the Person wronged (if any be) according to the Wrong received, over and above the said One Shilling: And if any of the said Plyers, either to a Wherry or Tilt-Boat, having the Promise of a Fare or Passenger, shall notwithstanding be interrupted by any other Waterman, to the disquieting of the said Fare or Passenger, or shall proffer such Fare or Passenger for less than the usual Price from Time to Time set forth and appointed by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London, and specified in another Table here also under-written, intituled, *A Table of the Rates or Prices appointed by the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London*, to be taken by the Watermen Rowing from Place to Place upon the River of Thames, between Gravesend, and Windsor, or shall have any more Plyers than one to each particular Boat (except the Masters of Wherries as before excepted) shall forfeit

Feit and pay for each and every of the
 said Offences, to the Use aforesaid, the
 Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and
 also make full Satisfaction to the Person
 wronged according to the Wrong re-
 ceived; and if any of the Boat-keepers
 which Ply the said Ferry, shall come
 out of their said Boats to Ply any Fare
 or Passenger, he shall forfeit and pay for
 every such Offence, the Sum of one Shil-
 ling: But if the said Boat-keeper be an
 Apprentice, his Master shall answer the
 said Penalty; and if any of the Plyers
 to any Boat or Wherry shall declare
 against any other Plyer that he carries not
 the Fare himself, but prefers them to
 another Person (altho' the same be true)
 yet notwithstanding shall forfeit and pay
 as aforesaid, for every such Offence, the
 Sum of One Shilling. And if any of the
 Watermen shall carry any Fare or Passen-
 ger on any *Saturday* Night, the Tide
 flowing at *London* after Seven o'Clock,
 and ebbing at *Gravesend* after the same
 Hour (in respect of the Lord's-Day next
 following, except allowed of by some
 Justice of the Peace, under his Hand)
 shall forfeit and pay for every such Of-
 fence as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid,
 the Sum of Five Shillings; And if any
 Waterman

Waterman having a small Boat, and Ply-
 ing among the said Ferrymen any Fare,
 or Passenger; if any of the said Ferry-
 men shall untruly under-value the said
 Boat, by saying it will drown the Pas-
 senger, if they pass therein, or otherwise
 unjustly deprive the said Person of the
 said Fare or Passengers, shall forfeit and
 pay, for every such Offence, to the Use
 aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings, be-
 sides Satisfaction to the Person so wrong-
 ed, according to the Wrong received.
 And if any Plyer, having a small Boat,
 shall under value any of the said Ferrymen,
 by saying they can Row faster than they,
 or work more Speed in their Passage, and
 thereby deprive the said Ferrymen of
 any Fare or Passenger, by Reason of the
 Greatness of his Boat; every such Of-
 fender, for every such Offence, shall for-
 feit and pay, besides Satisfaction to the
 Person wronged, the like Sum of Ten
 Shillings: And if any Waterman, plying
 the said Ferry, shall, after the obtaining
 the Promise of carrying any Fare or Pas-
 senger, send, or cause to be sent, any of his
 said Fare or Passengers so plyed to any
 Place or Stairs, in order to take them into
 his Boat, elsewhere than at that particular
 Stairs or Place at which they were first
 plied,

plied (except the same were required by the said Fare or Passenger) shall forfeit and pay for every such Passenger as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Two Shillings: And if any Waterman, plying the said Ferry, shall dispose of any Fare or Passenger which he hath agreed with, to carry to any other Waterman for any Gain or Reward whatsoever to himself; every such Offender shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, for every such Offence, One Shilling and Sixpence.

LX. *Tide-boat or Wherry turning to Windward.*

ITEM, If any Tilt-Boat-Master, carrying Passengers to and from *London* and *Gravesend*, shall at any Time or Times hereafter turn to Windward in any of the said Boats, wherein are any of her Majesty's Subjects, except one Trip in each particular Reach, where Necessity requires, he shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings: Or if any Master of a Wherry, working the said Ferry, and therein offending (except as before excepted) shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

LXI. *Offenders refusing to ap-*

ITEM, It is further ordered and agreed, That if any Two or more of the Rulers
for

for the Time being, shall, by a Sum-^{pear, forfeit}
mons in Writing under their Hands, ^{10s. or ap-}
and the Seal of the said Company, sum-^{pearing, and}
mon any Person, for any Offence against ^{refusing to}
any of the Rules and Orders above-men-^{pay, forfeit}
tioned; and shall shew, or cause to be ^{10s.}
shewn, the same to him or her, or cause
the same to be left at the usual Place of
his or her Abode; that then, and in such
Case, such Offender shall pay the Penalty
appointed to be forfeited and paid for
such Offence to the Person, by such Sum-
mons appointed to demand and receive
the same; or in Default of so doing,
shall appear before the Rulers at such
Time and Place as shall be mentioned in
the said Summons, to shew Cause why
he or she did not, or ought not to pay
such Penalty; And if such Offender shall
neglect so to do, or appearing shall re-
fuse to pay the Penalty by him or her
incurred; That then, and in every such
Case, the Person so refusing shall further
forfeit and pay for such his or her Non-
appearance or Non-payment, the Sum of
Ten Shillings.

*I have seen and perused these By-Laws,
and do approve, allow and confirm the same,
dated the 16th Day of April, Anno Dom.*

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1708.

1708. *And in the 7th Year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lady Anne, by the Grace
of God of Great Britain, France and
Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

J. HOLT.

A Table

*A TABLE of Fees to be taken by the
Rulers, Clerk and Officers of the
Company of Watermen and
Lightermen.*

<i>Court Fees.</i>	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
F OR Quarterage yearly	0	2	0
For binding a Servant, besides paying the King's Tax for Stamps — —	0	2	6
For assigning over an Apprentice to some other Master or Mistrefs — —	0	2	6
For a Fine from every Person to be made free — —	0	3	4
For building and repairing a new Hall within the City of London, or for other public Uses of the said Company, every Person to be made free to pay —	0	6	0
For the Poor, every one doing Business, their free Offering			

Clerk's Fees.

F OR a Deputation to a Master of a Row-Barge, Light-Horseman, or Tilt- Boat — — —	£.	s.	d.
	0	10	0
For a sealed Copy of a Free- dom or Register — — —	0	2	6
For Binding or Turning over an Apprentice — — —	0	1	0
For crossing out an Appren- tice, Searching the Register, Copy of an Order of Court, or any Licence or Certifi- cate — — — —	0	0	6
For a Copy of a Register, an Indenture being lost — — —	0	1	0

Officer's

Officers Fees.

F OR Binding or Turning over an Apprentice, each Officer — —	£.	s.	d.
	0	0	6
For a Freedom of a Register- Seal, <i>ditto</i> — —	0	0	6
For a Deputation to a Master of a Row-Barge, Light- Horseman or Tilt-Boat, each	0	1	0
For Summoning an Offender to Court — —	0	0	2
For the Batchelor's Bowl, ac- cording to an ancient Cuf- tom — —	0	1	0

A TABLE of the Rates or Prices appointed by the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London, to be taken by the Watermen rowing from Place to Place upon the River of Thames, between Gravesend and Windsor.

FROM London to Gravesend one whole Fare in Oars 6s. with Company 9d. each Person.

From London to Grays, one whole Fare, in Oars 5s. with Company, 8d. each Person.

From London to Greenhithe, one whole Fare, in Oars 4s. 6d. with Company, 8d. each Person.

From London to Purfleet, one whole Fare, in Oars 4s. with Company, 8d. each Person.

From London to Erith, one whole Fare, in Oars 4s. with Company 8d. each Person.

From London to Woolwich, one whole Fare, in Oars 3s. with Company 5d. each Person.

From

From London to Blackwall, one whole Fare, in Oars, 2s. 6d. with Company, 4d. each Person.

From London to Greenwich, one whole Fare, in Oars, 2s. a Sculler's Fare, 1s. 3d. with Company, 4d. each Person.

From London to Deptford, one whole Fare, in Oars, 1s. 6d. a Sculler's Fare 1s. with Company, 3d. each Person.

From London to Limehouse, one whole Fare, in Oars 1s. a Sculler's Fare 6d.

From London to New Crane, Shadwell-Dock, and Ratcliff-Cross, one whole Fare, in Oars 1s. a Sculler's Fare 6d.

From New Crane, and all the Stairs below, as far as Limehouse, to Greenwich or Deptford, one whole Fare, in Oars 1s. a Sculler's Fare 9d.

From London to Wapping-Dock and opposite, one whole Fare, in Oars 8d. a Sculler's Fare 4d.

From London to the Hermitage, one whole Fare, in Oars 6d. a Sculler's Fare 3d.

From London to Rotherhithe Church Stairs and Rotherhithe, one whole Fare, in Oars 6d. a Sculler's Fare 3d.

From St. Olave's to Rotherhithe-Church Stairs, and Rotherhithe-Stairs,

opposite, one whole Fare, in Oars 8d.
a Sculler's Fare 4d.

From Billingsgate or Saint Olave's to
Saint Saviour's Mill, one whole Fare, in
Oars 6d. a Sculler's Fare 3d.

Over the Water directly between Lon-
don-Bridge and Limehouse, for the next
Boat, a Sculler, 2d.

From London-Bridge, on either Side,
above the said Bridge, to Somerset-House
and opposite, one whole Fare, in Oars
6d. a Sculler's Fare 3d.

From London Bridge, on either Side,
to Westminster, one whole Fare, in Oars
1s. a Sculler's Fare 6d.

From any of the Stairs below Somer-
set-House to Westminster-Bridge, one
whole Fare, in Oars, 8d. a Sculler's Fare
4d.

From London-Bridge, on either Side,
above the said Bridge, and all the Stairs
below Somerset-House to Lambeth,
Vauxhall, or Marble-Hall, one whole
Fare, in Oars 1s. 6d. a Sculler's Fare
9d.

From Whitehall or Westminster to
Lambeth, or Vauxhall-Stairs, or White
Hart Stairs, one whole Fare, in Oars, 8d.
a Sculler's Fare 4d.

From

From Somerset-House, Hungerford, Whitehall, or Westminster, to Vauxhall, one whole Fare, in Oars 1s. a Sculler's Fare 6d.

From Somerset-House or Hungerford, to Lambeth, Vauxhall, or White Hart Stairs, one whole Fare, in Oars 1s. a Sculler's Fare 6d.

From Temple-Stairs, Dorset-Stairs, Black Friars, and Paul's Wharf, to Lambeth, one whole Fare, in Oars, 8d. a Sculler's Fare 4d.

Over the Water directly, in the next Boat, between London-Bridge and Vauxhall, a Sculler's Fare 2d.

From London to Chelsea, Battersea, and Wandsworth, one whole Fare, in Oars 2s. a Sculler's Fare 1s. with Company 4d. each Person.

From London to Putney, Fulham, Barn Elms, one whole Fare in Oars 2s. 6d. with Company 5d. each Person.

From London to Hammersmith, Chiswick, Barnes, and Mortlake, one whole Fare, in Oars 3s. with Company 6d. each Person.

From London to Brentford, one whole whole Fare, in Oars 3s. 6d. with Company 6d. each Person.

From London to Isleworth, one whole Fare in Oars 4s. with Company 8d. each Person.

From London to Richmond, one whole Fare, in Oars 4s. 6d. with Company 8d. each Person.

From London to Twickenham and Tide-End-Town, one whole Fare in Oars 5s. with Company 9d. each Person.

From London to Kingston, one whole Fare, in Oars 6s. with Company 9d. each Person.

From London to Hampton-Court, one whole Fare, in Oars 6s. in Company 1s. each Person.

From London to Hampton-Town, Sunbury, and Walton upon Thames, one whole Fare, in Oars 7s. with Company 1s. each Person.

From London to Weybridge and Chertsey, one whole Fare, in Oars 10s. with Company 1s. each Person.

From London to Staines, one whole Fare, in Oars 12s. with Company 1s. each Person.

From London to Windsor, one whole Fare, in Oars 14s. with Company 2s. each Person.

Over

Over the water directly from any of the above Places, to the opposite Shore, every single Person 1d. a Sculler's Fare 2d.

No more than six Persons to be taken into any Wherry, as one Fare, for any of the above Prices.

CAMDEN, P.

AMHERST,

L. KENYON.

Rates

RATES *for carrying of Goods in
the Tilt-Boat between Gravesend
and London.*

	£.	s.	d.
FOR a half Firkin —	0	0	1
For a whole Firkin —	0	0	2
For a Hogthead —	0	2	0
For a Hundred Weight of Cheese, Iron, or any other such heavy Goods —	0	0	4
For a Sack of Salt or Corn	0	0	6
For an ordinary Chest or Trunk	0	0	6
For the whole Tilt-Boat when one or more Persons have Occasion to hire it to them- selves — —	1	2	6
For every single Person in the ordinary Passage —	0	0	6

Examined per
J. GIBSON.

All

*All the Pecuniary Penalties imposed
by Statute-Law, or the before-
mentioned By-Laws, &c. perused
by the late Lord Chief Justice
Holt,*

£. s. d.

BY the 2d and 3d of *Philip*
and *Mary*, Chapter 16.

Sect. 11. That Waterman
who takes more than the
settled Fares, is imprisoned
for Six Months, and for-
feits — — —

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By the 1st of *James* the I.
Chap. 16. Sect. 3. If the
Rulers do not twice in every
Year read all the By-Laws,
(viz.) on the 1st of *March*,
and 1st of *September*, they
severally forfeit —

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If a Ruler, Auditor, or Assist-
ant, shall refuse to hold,
or be negligent in his Of-
fice, by the 11th and 12th
of *William* III. Ch. 21, Sect.
4. he forfeits —

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By

By the 6th Section of that Act, none but registered Lightermen, to work as Lightermen, upon the Weekly Forfeiture of	£.	s.	d.
Every <i>Sunday</i> Ferryman, who doth not the next <i>Monday</i> pay to the Rulers, or their Order, what he earned the Day before, doth, by the last recited Act, for every Neglect, forfeit —	5	0	0
	2	0	0

In what By-Law.

1 FOR not Summoning a Quarterly Court —	5	0	0
2 For leaving the Chair without Consent of the General Court — —	5	0	0
2 For Misbehaviour in the General Court —	0	5	0
3 For the Clerk's not entering Minutes of all Courts, or not Drawing up Orders thereupon within four days, or not fairly entering them within six days after that	2	0	0
4 If it appears by Casting up the Cash received at any Court of Rulers, that the			

Cash

Cash is more than the Rulers' or Clerk's Entry; that Receiver, at the then next Court of Rulers, shall make good the same, or forfeit double that Deficiency; but if such Cash be more than the Receiver's or Clerk's Entry, then the Overplus shall be entered by the Receiver and Clerk, on Forfeiture of — — —

£. s. d.

1 0 0

- 4 Each Ruler present at every Court of Rulers, to sign the Day-book; or each neglecting, to forfeit — — —

1 0 0

- 4 A Ruler's Misbehaviour in a Court of Rulers, forfeits

0 5 0

- 4 If the Beadle, who keeps the Hall-Door at any Court of Rulers, shall let in any Person (Rulers or Clerk excepted) without the Chairman's Order, he forfeits

0 2 0

- 4 The *Sunday* Ferry-money to be kept separate from the other Cash; and that Ruler who mixes them, so that it cannot be known how much is *Sunday* Ferry-

money,

- money, and what the other
Cash doth amount unto,
forfeits — — 5 0 0
- 4 One of the Beadles at eve-
ry Court of Rulers shall
enter each Person down in
that Order in which he
came, and give such List to
the Chairman, or forfeit 0 2 0
- 5 To take Money to give
his own, or solicit another's
Vote — — 10 0 0
- 7 Not appearing at a General
Court, or departing with-
out Leave — — 0 5 0
- 8 The Clerk within ten Days
to make fair Entries of all
Bindings and Freedoms, or
forfeits — — 5 0 0
- 9 No Master or Mistres to
suffer his or her Apprentice
to take charge of a Boat
before two Years bound, on
Forfeiture, for every Of-
fence, of — — 0 10 0
- 11 The major Part of the Ru-
lers present, and the Clerk,
to subscribe all Freedoms;
or either neglecting, to for-
feit — — 5 0 0
- 11 Re-

	£.	s.	d.
11 Refusing to make Free those who have a Right, forfeits — —	10	0	0
12 A Ruler refusing to turn one over whose Master is dead, forfeits —	5	0	0
15 No Boy to be kept above forty Days upon Trial, on Forfeiture of 20s. <i>per</i> Week above that Time —	1	0	0
16 To work on the Lord's Day, unless appointed, or by some Justice permitted, forfeits — —	0	5	0
16 To revile Ruler, Auditor, or Assistant, forfeits —	0	10	0
16 One private Waterman, &c. to revile another, or Passenger, forfeits —	0	2	0
16 For Swearing, or Cursing, to pay — —	0	2	0
17 Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk, or Beadle, keeping a Victualling-house, to forfeit, <i>per</i> Week, —	0	10	0
21 The Rulers not appointing the short Plying-places annually, each to pay	1	0	0
21 For not appointing the long Plying-places every two Years each, forfeits	2	0	0
F			For

	£.	s.	d.
22 For Towing a Boat when carrying a Passenger, forfeits — —	0	2	6
24 For not appearing upon Summons, the first Neglect, forfeits — —	0	1	0
24 For the second Default, forfeits — —	0	2	6
24 For each subsequent Default, forfeits — —	0	5	0
25 None by his Boat to hinder Passage, on Forfeiture of — —	0	0	6
27 None rowing along the Shore to ply another's Fare, on Forfeiture of — —	0	1	0
28 For not observing the Plying-orders, to pay — —	0	1	0
29 For not giving Notice when Plying with the Tide	0	1	0
29 To hinder the Landing of Nobility's Barges, &c. forfeits — —	0	2	6
30 To ply when his Boat is not at the Stairs, forfeits	0	5	0
31 Those plying Westward not to carry above ten Passengers, on Forfeiture of	0	2	6
32 None plying the Long-Ferry shall ply one about to take Water with another,			

except

		£.	s.	d.
except, &c. on Forfeiture of — — —		0	1	0
33	All plying to keep Way, on Forfeiture of —	0	0	6
34	Rulers, Assistants, or other Officer, receiving a Com- plaint, &c. to give Notice to the next Court of Rulers, or within Ten Days, on Forfeiture of —	0	10	0
35	To hinder Lighters from their proper Turns, pays the Party wronged —	2	0	0
35	To the Poor for the same Offence — — —	0	5	0
36	Lighters turned a - drift shall (returning) have their Turns, or such as hinder shall pay the Party wronged	1	0	0
36	And to the Poor for the same Offence —	0	5	0
37	All Lighters to keep Way, on Forfeiture of —	0	5	0
38	To carry above one Light- er at a Time thro' Bridge, (except, &c.) forfeits	0	5	0
38	If a Lighter stop in the Bridge, for want of Skill, to forfeit — — —	0	5	0
F 2		Upon		

	£:	s.	d.
39 Upon the Stoppage of such Lighter, to give proper No- tice, or to forfeit —	0	10	0
40 If a Lighter stops on the Hill, &c. to forfeit —	0	5	0
41 To buy Coals of one Sort, and vouch them for another, forfeits — —	2	0	0
42 To sell short of Water- measure, &c. forfeits, for every Vat short of that Measure — —	2	0	0
42 And make Satisfaction to the Party thereby wronged, or forfeits —	10	0	0
43 To use another Man's Lighter, without Leave, forfeits —	0	5	0
44 To employ Waterman or Lighterman not qualified, forfeits, <i>per diem</i> , —	0	10	0
45 To cull Coals, &c. forfeits <i>per</i> Chaldron of the Coals with which mixed —	0	5	0
46 That Lighterman who goes Partner with a Fo- reigner. forfeits, <i>per</i> Lighter and <i>per diem</i> , —	0	10	0
46 And for every Chaldron sold in such Partnership	1	0	0

	£.	s.	d.
47 He that hinders the Exchange of Turns, pays both Party wronged and Poor	0	10	0
48 He that loosens another's Lighter from his proper Fast, forfeits —	0	5	0
48 If any Lighterman, or his Apprentice, shall take another's Skiff, &c. without Leave, &c. he forfeits	0	5	0
51 The Comptroller that refuseth to serve, forfeits	5	0	0
51 If he neglects his Duty, he forfeits —	2	0	0
51 He who neglects to give the Comptrollers Information, forfeits —	2	0	0
52 He that is summoned in relation to splitting a Lighter, and shall not appear, forfeits —	0	5	0
53 He who refuseth to number his Vessel, forfeits	0	5	0
54 He that refuseth to pay his Quarterage, forfeits	0	5	0
55 The Clerk to keep a distinct Account of the Poor's Money, or to forfeit, <i>per</i> Week, — —	0	10	0

- | | £. | s. | d. |
|--|----|----|----|
| 56 The Ruler who refuseth
either Oath or Bond, for-
feits — — | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 57 Rulers taking more than
the settled Fees, forfeit
treble the Overplus; but
the Clerk or other Officer
therein offending forfeits
his Office. | | | |
| 58 No Goods to be placed on
the Bails of a Row-Barge,
on Forfeiture of — | 0 | 10 | 0 |

ORDERS

ORDERS *relating to* Gravesend*Tilt-Boats and Wherries.*

	£.	s.	d.
59 NO Master or Chief Steers'man to act till licensed, on Forfeiture of	5	0	0
59 No such Master to take at first above thirty-seven, and three by the Way: And no such Wherry above seven at first, and two by the Way, on Forfeiture for every one exceeding	0	2	6
60 He that plies to more than one Boat, forfeits —	0	5	0
60 He that stands before the Plying-place, or lays Hands on Coach, or Bridle, or Passenger, or their Goods, without Consent, for each Offence forfeits —	0	1	0
60 If any is deprived of his Fare by another, the Offender forfeits —	0	2	6
F 4			No

	£.	s.	d
60 No such Boat-keeper to come out and ply, on For- feiture of —	0	1	0
60 No such Plyer to say ano- ther carries not the Fare, on Forfeiture of —	0	1	0
60 If such Waterman shall carry a Fare too late on a <i>Saturday</i> Night, to forfeit	0	5	0
60 He that undervalues ano- ther's Boat, forfeits	0	10	0
60 He that sends his Fare to another Place (unless de- sired) forfeits —	0	2	0
60 He that disposeth of a Fare to another for Gain, forfeits —	0	1	6
61 No Master of a Tilt-Boat having any Passengers shall turn to Windward above one Trip in a Reach when Necessity so requires, on Forfeiture of —	0	10	0
61 And a Master of a Wherry therein offending to forfeit, for each Offence —	0	2	6
62 If Two or more of the Rulers, under their Hands,			

and

£. s. d.

and the Seal of the Compa-
ny, summon an Offender to
pay his Fine; if he does
not pay, or appear and shew
Cause, he forfeits (besides
his Fine) — —

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An

*An Abstract of the Duty of
a Ruler, as particularly ex-
pressed in the Constitutions, with
proper References, &c.*

- E**VERY Ruler, soon after chosen, is obliged to take the Oath, and enter into the Bond in such Cases required; and refusing of (a) either, is a Refusal of the Office, and forfeits 5*l.* and made thereby incapable to be a Ruler within seven Years after such Refusal.
- (a) Order 56. page 58. (b) Every Ruler who refuseth to serve, or doth negligently exercise his Office, forfeits 5*l.* And therefore all Rulers are, by the express Terms of the Statute of William the Third, (c) obliged to keep good Order and Obedience amongst the said Watermen and Lightermen, according to the Constitutions of this Company, whether by Statute-Law or By-Law.
- (b) Order 5. p. 5. (c) Clause 3. p. 3. For if any of the Rulers shall refuse effectually to prosecute any Offenders against any of the Constitutions (when due proof shall appear before them) being duly convicted thereof, he shall be dismissed,
- Order 20. p. 32.

dismissed, and not capable any more of being either Ruler or other Officer of this Company. (d) And in Order there- (d) Clause 4. unto, the Rulers, in Conjunction with p. 3. the Assistants, on their first Court-day, after the First Day of *June*, shall annually appoint what Towns or Plying-places shall choose Assistants, who are not to exceed Sixty nor be less than Forty. (e) And the Rulers and Assistants shall (e) Order every First Day of *July* present to the 19. p. 29. Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen Five Watermen and Two Lightermen (f) un- (f) Order derstanding Accounts ; but if upon Ex- 20. p. 32. amination the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen shall find either of them not so qualified, and therefore refuse such unqualified Person then (g) within Ten (g) Order Days after such Refusal, the Rulers and 19. p. 30. Assistants shall Summon a Court of Rulers and Assistants, and other fit Persons shall be there chosen, instead of those so refused ; and within Fourteen Days after such new Choice, shall be presented to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, to be examined at the then next Court of Aldermen, or within one Month next after such new Presentment, &c.

Any Two of the (h) Rulers empowered (h) Clause 7. to prosecute Offenders before the Lord p. 5. Mayor,

Mayor, or any of the Court of Aldermen, or any Justice of Peace within the Shires bordering upon the River of *Thames*, between Gravesend and Windsor, for Offences committed within their respective Jurisdictions.

p. 9. 10.

Clause 14.
p. 9. 10.

If the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants, shall Summon any Member, by leaving Notice in writing at the Place of his usual Abode (pursuant to the Act of the fourth and fifth of Her late Majesty, for the Encouragement and Encrease of Seamen &c.) to appear before the Rulers. If within Ten Days after such Summons, the Person so summoned do not appear, being convicted thereof, he shall suffer Imprisonment for One Month, and be disabled from enjoying any Privilege of the said Company for Two Years.

Order 1. p.
12.

The Rulers obliged annually to Summon four General Courts, (*viz.*) in May, August, November, and February, and oftener, if Twenty of the Auditors and Assistants, under their Hands, desire the same; which Summons shall be left under the Hand of the Clerk, at their respective Dwellings, three Days before such Court is to be held, or each neglecting to forfeit 5*l.*

At

At the Meeting of every Court of Rulers, a Receiver from amongst themselves shall be chosen, who for that Day shall keep the Key of the Court-Box, and an Account in writing of what each Person that Day paid; and upon telling over the Cash before the major Part of the Rulers then present, and the Clerk; if the Cash shall appear to be less than the Receiver's *Order 4. p. 16, 17, 18.* or Clerk's Entries, that Receiver at the next Court of Rulers, shall make good such Deficiency: but if the Cash be more than was entered, by such Receiver or Clerk, a particular Entry of that Overplus shall be entered by both the Receiver and Clerk, or each neglecting shall forfeit Twenty Shillings for every Five Shillings not so accounted for; and at the close of every such Court, the Rulers then present shall sign the Day Book, or each neglecting forfeit Twenty Shillings. Every Ruler behaving himself disorderly in such Court, to forfeit Five Shillings; The Chairman, for the Time being, to call into Court every Person in that Order in which he came. No Ruler to mix the Sunday Ferry Money with the other Cash.

If any Ruler shall, or do directly or *Order 4. p. 18, 19.* indirectly, by himself or other, receive
any

any Fee or Reward, to give his own, or solicit any other's Vote in any General Court, or Court of Rulers, to forfeit 10*l.* and be disabled from continuing or being any Member of such Courts, or any Officer of the Company.

Order 6.
p. 19.

If any Ruler or other Officer be convicted before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, upon the Charge of any Three of the Comptrollers, under their Hands, of such an Offence as forfeits his Office; then that Court shall and may dismiss such Offender, and a new one to be chosen in his Stead.

Order 7.
p. 20.

All Rulers being duly summoned to appear at every General Court, and not to depart without leave, on forfeiture for each Offence of Five Shillings.

Order 8.
p. 20.

The Rulers to provide proper Quarteridge Books for Bindings and Freedoms.

Order 10.
p. 22.

Two of the Rulers at the least shall witness every Indenture, and cause the same to be fairly entered in a Book for that purpose: And none to be bound, turned over, or made free, but before the major Part of the Rulers.

Order 11.
p. 23, 24.

The Rulers to make none Free, unless he hath actually served, &c. seven Years; and unless the major Part of the Rulers are

are present, and the major Part of the Rulers present, and the Clerk, sign such Freedoms, or each neglecting, to forfeit 5*l*. And those Rulers who shall refuse to make Free, or Register such as have a Right thereunto, forfeit Ten Pounds a-piece.

Every Ruler who refuseth to turn over an Apprentice according to this 12th Order, forfeits Five Pounds. The Rulers, when requested, obliged to make *Order 14.* those absent Free who have a Right *p. 26.* thereunto.

No Victualler capable of being chosen *Order 17.* a Ruler; and if a Ruler, after chosen by *p. 28.* himself, or any other, keep a Victualling House, he forfeits Ten Shillings per Week.

The Rulers obliged upon all Occasions *Order 19.* (other than the Binding of Apprentices, *p. 31.* or making them Free) to advise with the Auditors.

The Rulers in every *June* to appoint *Order 21.* the short Plying-places; and every other *p. 32.* *July* the long Plying-places: or for the first Omission, each to forfeit Twenty Shillings, and for the Second Forty Shillings.

The Rulers empowered to allow a Wit- *Order 23.* ness what is reasonable, and to oblige a *p. 33, 34.* false

false Informer to make Satisfaction, not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Order 26. The Rulers to serve without Fee or
p. 35. Reward, and to give due Notice of all
Order 34. Complaints or Offences which they knew
p. 39. of, on forfeiture of Five Shillings.

Order 38. Rulers to hear all Complaints in rela-
p. 42. tion to Damages, &c. on London-Bridge,
Order 49. and to endeavour to determine the same.

p. 49. The Rulers to give Twenty Shillings
Order 50. to such as shall give them due Informa-
p. 49. tion of any unregistered Persons keep-
ing or working any Lighter or Flat
Boats, &c.

Order 51. All Rulers, other Officers and Mem-
p. 51, 52. bers, obliged to give the Comptrollers
Information of all Offences within their
Cognizance, or each neglecting to for-
feit Forty Shillings.

Order 54. Such Three of the Rulers to keep the
p. 55, 56. Cash as the General Court shall order, &c.

Order 55. The Rulers Quarterly to pay the
p. 56. Poor, &c.

Order 57. No Ruler to take more than the set-
p. 58. tled Fees, &c.

Order 62. Any Two of the Rulers, under their
p. 65. Hands, and the Seal of the Company,
are to summon Offenders for such Of-
fences upon which they intend to levy
Ten Shillings, as well as the Penalty
incurred.

An Abstract of the Duty of an Auditor, as particularly expressed, &c.

A Auditor refusing to serve, or neglect- *Cl. 5. p. 4.*
ing his Duty, forfeits *5l.*

And therefore they must Audit the *Order 19.*
Company's Accounts twice a Year, and *p. 31.*
oftener if the General Court shall so order, and be assisting to the Rulers with their Advice upon all Occasions required; and if the Auditors cannot with the Rulers adjust their Accounts, they shall lay them before the General Court; and if not there adjusted, before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, in order to be there determined (if they can be) for the common Good of the Company.

The Auditors must give the Comptrollers Notice of all Embezzlements of the Stock, or other Offences of any Officers, on forfeiture of *40s.*

Auditors must serve *gratis.*

An Auditor to be removed, when con- *Order 6.*
victed before the Court of Lord Mayor *p. 19.*
and Aldermen of such an Offence as (by the Constitution) forfeits his Place.

The Comptroller's Duty is fully expressed in the *51st Order, p. 50.*

An Abstract of the Duty of an Assistant, as particularly expressed.

Order 77.
p. 28.

NO Assistant to be chosen that is a Victualler, nor at any other Stairs but where he doth usually ply.

Clause 5.
p. 4.

The Assistants are, by the Statute of *William* the Third, empowered to advise and assist the Rulers for the Time being, in the Discovery and Regulation of Mis-carriages, &c. and in putting the Laws in due and full Execution, and in preserving good Rules and Government amongst the said Society and Company: And if any refuse to serve, or negligently exercise their Place, to forfeit 5*l*.

Order 34.
p. 39.

And therefore they must give due Information of all Offenders to the Rulers.

Order 51.
p. 51.

And upon the Rulers neglect, to the Comptrollers.

Order 5.
p. 18.

But no Assistant, directly or indirectly, to take any Money to give his own, or to solicit another's Vote, &c.

Order 26.
p. 35.

Assistants to serve gratis, &c.

Not.

Note, Notwithstanding the Rulers, Auditors, Assistants and Comptrollers, are expressly obliged to serve the Company without Fee or Reward; yet, if in the necessary Service of the Company they shall expend any Money, or do any other Service than their respective Duties necessarily require; for such Expences or Services, all just Allowances ought to be made them by the Company.

An Abstract of the Clerk's Duty, &c.

THE Clerk every December annually Order 3.
to be chosen by the General Court, p. 14.
and oftener, if there be Occasion.

And within 14 Days after his Election (with two Sureties, to be approved by the General Court) shall enter into Bond to the Chamberlain of London (in Trust for the Company) in the Penalty of 1000*l*. Well and truly to observe, perform, and keep the several Rules, Orders, and Constitutions made, or to be made, for the better Rule and Government of this Company on his Part, to

be observed, performed, and kept, and in all other Things well and honestly behave himself, and faithfully discharge his Trust in the Execution of the said Place for so long as he shall continue therein; and shall not embezzle or misemploy any Sum or Sums of Money belonging to the common Stock of the said Company, &c. or his Election to be void. So that the Clerk, by those general Terms, is as much obliged to perform all Parts of the Constitution relating to the Clerk, as if all the particular Duties enjoined him by the Constitution, were particularly mentioned in the Condition of such Bond. An Abstract of the several Parts of whose Duty, as expressed in the Constitution, and in the same Order in which they stand in the By-Laws, is as followeth, (*viz.*)

Order 1.
p. 13, 14,
15, 16.

A Quarterly General Court (or oftener if twenty of the Auditors and Assistants desire it) is to be summoned by Summons under the Hand of the Clerk.

The Clerk to keep a Minute-book, to enter all Orders of the General Court, or Court of Rulers, or other publick Meetings, and draw up Orders thereupon within four Days after, and present the same to the next Court, to be
con-

considered, altered, or approved; and *Order 1*
 within six Days after such Approbation, *p. 16, 17.*
 fairly enter such Orders in the proper
 Book for that Purpose.

The Clerk to keep an exact Account
 of what all Members pay at every Court
 of Rulers, and to be present at the telling
 over the Cash after every such Court:
 And if the Cash be more than that *Order 6.*
 Day's Receivers, or Clerk's Entry, the *p. 19.*
 Clerk to make a particular Entry of such
 Overplus.

The Clerk may be dismissed by the *Order 8. 6*
 Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, if *p. 20.*
 Three of the Comptrollers prove him
 guilty of such an Offence, for which his
 Place ought to be forfeited.

Within ten Days after every Binding *Order 10.*
 or making free, the Clerk (from the *p. 22*
 Day-book) to make a very particular
 Entry thereof.

The Clerk to attest every Indenture, *Order 11.*
 and shall then make a fair Entry there- *p. 23, 24.*
 of.

The Clerk to be present when any are
 made free, and sign the Freedom, and
 if the Clerk neglects his Duty in rela-
 tion to the making free, or registering
 such as have a Right, for every such
 Offence he forfeits 10/.

Order 17.
p. 28.

No Victualler capable of being chosen Clerk, and none after chosen to keep a Victualling-house, or Public-house for Sale of Liquors.

Order 24.
p. 28.

If the Clerk receives any Complaint, or knows of any Offence, he shall give Notice thereof to the next Court of Rulers, or within ten Days.

Order 51.
p. 51, 52.

The Clerk obliged to give the Comptrollers timely Notice of all Rulers, and other Officers offending.

Order 55.
p. 56, 57.

The Clerk to keep a distinct Account, in a Book by itself, of all Money received for, or paid to the Poor.

Order 57.
p. 59.

If the Clerk takes more than he ought as his Fees, then to be dismissed.

Note, The Clerk being obliged *well and honestly to behave himself, and faithfully to discharge his Trust in the Execution of his Place for so long as he continues therein*; he is therefore obliged to perform (not only the particular Duties herein expressly enjoined, but also) whatsoever is proper for him to do as Clerk, for the common good of the Company; and all reasonable Expences (upon the Company's Account) ought to be allowed him.

*An Abstract of the Duty of a Beadle,
as particularly expressed, &c.*

THE Beadles to be annually chosen *Order 3.*
every *December*, and oftener, if there *p. 14.*
be Occasion.

One of the Beadles to enter every Per- *Order 6,*
son down in that Order in which he came *p. 19.*
to the Court of Rulers, and give that List
to the Chairman; and the Beadle who
(for the Time being) keeps the Hall-
door, not to let in any Person (Rulers
or Clerk excepted) without Order from
the Chairman, who is obliged to call
them in that Order in which they
came.

A Beadle, upon the Forfeiture of his *Order 17.*
Place, may be dismissed by the Court of *p. 28.*
Lord Mayor and Aldermen, if any Three
of the Comptrollers shall charge him
with such Forfeiture.

No Victualler capable of being chosen
Beadle, or any Beadle, when chosen, to
keep a Victualling-house, or Publick-
house for strong Liquors.

Order 34.
p. 39.

Order 51.
p. 51.

Order 57.
p. 59.

Every Beadle receiving any Complaint, or knowing of any Offence, to give due Notice to the Court of Rulers; and, upon their Neglect of Duty, to the Comp-trollers.

If a Beadle takes more for his Fees than is settled, he forfeits his Place.

But, besides the above Particulars, the Beadles are obliged to obey all reasonable Orders from any Members of the General Court, or the Clerk, for the putting the before-mentioned By-Laws in due Execution, or any other Matter for the common good of this Company; and all reasonable Allowances ought to be made them for their extraordinary Dis-bursements or Services in Relation there-unto.

RULES,

RULES ORDERS, and CONSTITUTIONS,

Made by the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants of the Watermen and Lightermen of the River of Thames, between Gravesend and Windsor, for the better Rule and Government of the said Society or Company, examined, altered, and approved by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, and by their Order, humbly presented to the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Parker, Kt. late Lord Chief Justice of Her late Majesty Queen Anne's Court of Queen's Bench, was by his Lordship confirmed, pursuant to the Authority and Directions of the several Acts of Parliament in that Case made and provided.

Imprimis. **I**T is ordered, That no Waterman or Lighterman, being a Member of this Company, shall, either before or after Binding any Apprentice, either directly or indirectly, covenant, contract, or agree to, *I. Apprentices not to be employed in any other Business than as Watermen or Lightermen*

Not to receive any Profits to his own Use.

or with such his Apprentice, or any other Person on his Behalf, for any Sum of Money, or other Consideration whatsoever, to be paid, or given him for such Apprentice to be brought up, or to be employed in any other Business than as a Waterman or Lighterman, or shall permit and suffer any Apprentice to work at any other Business or Calling whatsoever, to make Advantage of his own Labour for his own Benefit or Advantage, or to receive the Profits thereof to his own Use, except at such Times as the River shall be frozen, or not navigable, upon pain, that every such Waterman or Lighterman, so offending, shall forfeit and pay, to the Use of the Poor of the said Company, the Sum of Ten Shillings *per diem* for every Day such Apprentice shall so work.

II. Against employing any not free, or navigating Craft belonging to Unregistered Persons.

ITEM, Whereas it was formerly ordained, That if any Lighterman or Waterman should, at any Time or Times thereafter, set at work to row upon the said River, any Person not free of the said Company, or shall load in, or navigate on the River of *Thames*, any Lighter, Flat-boat or other Craft, owned by, or belonging to, any unregistered Person (Wharf-

(Wharfingers or Woodmongers of *London*, for their own proper Use excepted) every such Person should forfeit and pay for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings *per diem*. It is hereby ordained and ordered, That the said By-Law or Ordinance be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed and made void; and it is now further ordained and ordered, That if any Waterman or Lighterman shall, at any Time or Times hereafter, set at work to row on the said river, any Person not free of the said Company (Apprentices regularly bound, only excepted) or shall load in, or navigate on, the River of *Thames*, any Lighter, Flat-boat, or other Craft, owned by, or belonging to any Unregistered Person, (Wharfingers or Woodmongers of *London*, for their own proper Use excepted) every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Twenty Shillings *per diem*.

ITEM, Whereas it was formerly ordained, That if any Person or Persons should give Information to the Rulers of the said Company, of any Unregistered Person keeping or working any Lighter III. Giving
Information
against Un-
registered
Persons
working.
or

or Lighters, Flat-boat or Boats, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of the Act of Parliament in that Case made and provided, and making due Proof thereof before them, should, for every such Information, receive of the Rulers for the Time being, out of the Company's Stock, the Sum of Twenty Shillings. It is hereby ordained and ordered, That the said By-Law or Ordinance be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed and made void: And it is now further ordained and ordered, That if any Person or Persons shall give Information to the Rulers of the said Company, of any Unregistered Person keeping or working any Lighter or Lighters, Flat-boat, or Boats, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of the Act of Parliament in that Case made and provided, and making due Proof thereof before them, he, or they shall, for every such Information, receive of the Rulers for the Time being, out of the Company's Stock, the Sum of Ten Shillings, and no more.

IV. *The* *Comptrollers* *to be sum-* *ITEM,* That at every Court of Rulers, the Comptrollers of the said Company,

pany, shall be duly summoned by the Clerk of the said Company, by leaving a Summons in Writing at their respective Dwelling or usual Places of Abode, three Days before such Court of Rulers is to be kept; at which Court, the said Comptrollers shall and may have Power to sit, in order to inspect what Money is then and there received, and the Clerk neglecting his Duty therein, shall, for every such Neglect or Omission, forfeit and pay, to the Use of the Poor of the said Company, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

ITEM, Whereas the Navigation between *London Bridge* and *Woolwich* is dangerous to Boats deeply laden, by reason of the great Numbers of Ships, and of the Cables, Hawfers, and Anchors belonging to the same; it is ordained and ordered, That no Master or Waterman working any Boat or Wherry, between *London Bridge* and *Deptford*, *Greenwich* and *Woolwich* aforesaid, or any of them, shall receive or take into such Boat or Wherry, above the Number of Eight Passengers at one Time, and Two more if called in by the Way, upon Pain that the Person or Persons working such

moned to every Court of Rulers.

V. Boats between London-Bridge and Woolwich not to take in more than eight Passengers, and two by the Way.

such Boat, or Wherry, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Passenger over and above the said Number so taken in as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six-pence.

GIBSON.

HOARE,

be examined, altered, and approved
 A Petition of the Watermen and Lightermen
 of the River of Thames, to the Honourable
 the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, shewing
 that they had presented to the said Court a Report
 in Writing, under their Hands, touching the
 same, which being here read, and the said Rules
 and Orders by them

HOARE, Mayor,

Martis 26 Die July, 1713, An.
 noq. R. Regne Anna Magna
 Britannia, &c. Duodecimo.

THIS Day the Committee appointed
 to inspect, alter, and amend cer-
 tain Rules and Orders lately made
 by the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants
 of the Company of Watermen and
 Lightermen of the River of *Thames*, for
 the better Rule and Government of the
 said Society, or Company, to be exa-
 mined, altered, and approved by this
 Court, and afterwards confirmed or al-
 tered by the Lord Chief Justice of Her
 late Majesty's Court of *Queen's-Bench*,
 pursuant to the Authority and Direc-
 tions of the several Acts of Parliament
 in that Behalf, brought into this Court
 a Report in Writing, under their Hands,
 touching the same, which being here
 read, and the said Rules and Orders by
 them

them examined, altered, and approved; A Petition of the Watermen inhabiting in the Parishes of *Greenwich* and *Deptford*, in behalf of themselves and others, praying that they may be heard by their Council, before this Court shall finally determine herein, was also presented and read, and Council on both Sides being called in, and fully heard touching the same; This Court, after long Debate and full Consideration had thereof, did examine and approve of the said Rules and Orders, with an Amendment now made to the last of them, by altering the Number of Passengers from Six to Eight; and doth order that the said Rules and Orders be fairly transcribed by Mr. Town Clerk, and laid before the Right Honourable Sir *Thomas Parker*, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of her late Majesty's Court of *Queen's-Bench*, to be by him confirmed and altered pursuant to the Authority and Directions of the said several Acts of Parliament.

GIBSON.

I have seen and perused these Rules, Orders, and By-Laws, and do approve, allow of, and confirm the same. Dated the
Twenty-

*eighth Day of April, Anno Dom. 1714,
And in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of
our Sovereign Lady Anne, by the Grace of
God, of Great Britain, France, and Ire-
land, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

T. PARKER.

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An

An Abstract of all the Pecuniary Penalties imposed by the before-mentioned By-Laws, confirmed by the Late Lord Chief Justice PARKER, and in what By-Law.

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1 NONE to be employed in any other Business than as a Waterman or Lighterman, on forfeiture <i>per diem</i> ,	0	10	0
2 To employ any Person not Free, and of the Company, forfeits <i>per diem</i> , —	1	0	0
4 The Clerk to summons the Controllers to every Court of Rulers, or forfeits —	0	10	0
5 Those Working between London-Bridge and Woolwich not to carry above Ten Passengers, on forfeiture for every Passenger above the said Number — —	0	2	6

An

An ACT for making more ANNO 1729.
*effectual, several Acts passed relating
 to Watermen, Wherry-men, and Ligh-
 termen Rowing on the River Thames;
 and for better ordering and govern-
 ing such Watermen, Wherry-men, and
 Lightermen.*

WHEREAS several Laws and *Preamble.*
 Statutes have been heretofore
 made for the better regulating
 and governing all Persons Free of the
 Watermens Company, owning, rowing
 or working Boats, or other Craft upon
 the River *Thames*, between *Gravesend* in
 the County of *Kent*, and *Windsor* in the
 County of *Berks*; but the said Laws have
 by Experience been found to be ineffec- *Former*
 tual to answer the good Ends and Pur- *Laws found*
 poses thereof: And it is necessary to *ineffectual.*
 make further Provision in the Premises,
 and to provide against the Mischiefs which
 happen by entrusting Apprentices, too
 weak, unable, and unskillful in the Work,
 with the Care of Goods, and the Lives
 of Passengers on the said River;

May it therefore please your Majesty.

That it may be **Enacted**; And be it **Enacted**, by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, One thousand Seven hundred and Twenty-nine, it shall not be lawful for any Person whatsoever, who now, or hereafter shall keep, use, hire or work any Wherry-Boat, Tilt-Boat, Barge, or other Vessel, for carrying Passengers or Goods for Hire upon the River *Thames*, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor* aforesaid, to bind, receive, take or employ any Apprentice or Apprentices, Servant or Servants, unless he shall be a Housekeeper, or have some known Habitation, Lodging, or Place of Abode, where he may receive and entertain such Apprentice or Apprentices, Servant or Servants; and shall from Time to Time, Register with the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, the Habitation, Lodging or Place of Abode, where he shall then reside, or whereto he shall afterwards

*Commence-
ment of the
Act.*

*Watermen
&c. not being
Housekeep-
ers, or hav-
ing no known
Habitations,
prohibited to
take Appren-
tices.*

*Such Wa-
termen, &c.
to register
their Places
of Abode.*

wards remove, upon Pain that every *And Places*
 Master or Person binding, receiving, *of Removal.*
 taking, retaining or employing any Ap-
 prentice or Servant, contrary to this Act,
 and being thereof convicted before the
 Lord Mayor of the City of *London* for
 the Time being, or before any one or
 more Justice or Justices of the Peace for
 the Time being, for the said City, or
 for the County or Place where the Of-
 fenders shall be found, by the Oaths of
 two or more credible Witnesses, shall, for
 every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of *On Forfeiture of 10l.*
 Ten Pounds of lawful Money of Great-
 Britain, to be levied by Distress and
 Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chat-
 tels, by Warrant or Warrants under the
 Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of
 such Lord Mayor, Justice or Justices of
 the Peace as aforesaid, and for want of
 sufficient Distress, such Offender shall be *Offenders*
 by Warrant or Warrants, under the *how to be pu-*
 Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of *nished, in*
 such Lord Mayor, Justice or Justices of *case of insuf-*
 the Peace, committed to the next com- *ficient Dis-*
 mon or publick Workhouse or House of *tricts.*
 Correction, there to remain without Bail
 or Mainprize, and to be kept to hard
 Labour for any Time not exceeding one
 Month, nor less than Fourteen Days;

Clerk of the Company to Register such Places of abode without Fee or Reward. and the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, is hereby required, upon any Application made to him, to Register the Habitation, Lodging and Place of Abode of every such Waterman, Wherryman or Lighterman, and every such Removal as aforesaid, of any or either of them, in some Book of the said Company to be kept for that Purpose without Fee or Reward; and in Case

Penalty on the said Clerk in Case of Neglect or Refusal to Register. such Clerk shall neglect or refuse so to do, he shall for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied as any other Penalty is to be levied, recovered and

Apprentices of Watermen &c. refusing to Register their Places of abode and removal may be turned over to other Masters, on Application to the Rulers and Overseers of the Company. applied by this Act; And if any such Waterman, Wherryman or Lighterman shall neglect or refuse to Register his Habitation, Lodging or Place of Abode, and every such Removal thereof as aforesaid, every such Apprentice or Apprentices bound to any such Waterman, Wherryman or Lighterman, shall and may, upon Application made to the Rulers and Overseers of the said Company, or the major Part of them, at any of their public Courts or Assemblies, be by them turned over to any other Master or Mistress; any Indenture, Covenant, Contract or Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

And

And, for the Security of the Lives of *At what*
 Passengers, and Safety of Goods passing *Age, and up-*
 on the said River between the Limits *on what Re-*
 aforesaid; **Be it enacted**, by the Au-*strictions Ap-*
 thority aforesaid, That from and after *prentices are*
 the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, One *permitted to*
 thousand Seven hundred and twenty- *have the sole*
 nine, it shall not be lawful for any Ap- *Care of a*
 prentice to have or take upon him the *Boat,*
 sole Care and Management of any Boat,
 or other Vessel upon the said River with-
 in the Limits aforesaid, until such Ap- *At 16 Years*
 prentice shall have attained the full Age *if the Son of*
 of Sixteen Years, if he be the Son of a *a Waterman.*
 Waterman, and the Age of Seventeen *At 17 if*
 Years, being the Son of a Landman, and *the Son of a*
 unless such Apprentice shall have work- *Landman.*
 ed and rowed upon the said River with
 some able and skillful Waterman, Wher-
 ryman or Lighterman for the Space of
 Two Years at the least, before his attain-
 ing of the said respective Ages. And in *Penalty in*
 case any such Apprentice under the Years *Case of act-*
 aforesaid, shall offend or Act contrary to *ing contrary*
 the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, *to these Re-*
 and shall be convicted thereof in Manner *strictions.*
 as aforesaid, then and in such Case, the
 Master or Mistress of such Apprentice of-
 fending as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay
 for every such Offence the Sum of Ten
 H 4 Shillings,

Shillings, to be levied, recovered, paid and applied to and for such Uses and Purposes, and in such Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture in and by this Act is to be levied, recovered and applied.

Clause to enforce the Orders and Regulations made by the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants.

Those Regulations having been approved by the Court of Ld. Mayor, &c. And confirmed by the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench

And whereas pursuant to the Acts of Parliament in that behalf, the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants of the Society and Company of Watermen, Wherry-men and Lightermen upon the said River, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor* aforesaid, have for the better and more effectual keeping and maintaining good Order and Obedience amongst the said Society and Company, made or ordained several good Rules, Orders and Constitutions, with reasonable Penalties for Breach thereof, which being approved by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London* for the Time being, and afterwards confirmed by the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench for the Time being, are and ought to be observed and put in Execution; but the same are in great Measure ineffectual, for want of sufficient Distress to answer the said Penalties, by means whereof the most notorious Offenders often escape unpunished, and

and the Offences are repeated, to the great Injury of his Majesty's Subjects: **For Remed. wh. reof; Be it Enacted,** by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases, where sufficient Distress cannot be found, to pay and satisfy the Penalties inflicted, or to be inflicted, by any such Rules, Orders or Constitutions so made or to be made, approved and confirmed as aforesaid, Oath being made of such Want of Distress before the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or before any Justice of the Peace for the County, City or Place where the Offender shall be found, it shall be lawful to and for such Lord Mayor or Justice of the Peace, and they are hereby required to commit such Offender to the publick Workhouse or House of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding one Month, nor less than fourteen Days, such Offender being convicted according to this Act, or the Act made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King William the Third, intituled, *An Act for the Execution and better Execution of former Acts made touching Watermen and Wherry-men rowing* *Punishment in Case of insufficient Distress.* *Offenders to be convicted on this Act, or on that 11 and 12 W. III.*

ing on the River Thames; and for the better ordering and governing the said Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen upon the said River between Gravesend and Windsor.

Persons not having served Seven Years.

(Except Trinity Men, Fishermen, Ballastmen, &c.)

Not to Work on the River Thames.

On pain of forfeiting 10l

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, not having served for the Space of seven Years to any Waterman, Wherryman, or Lighterman, (except Trinitymen, Fishermen, Ballastmen and Persons employed in rowing or any ways navigating Western Barges, Mill-Boats, Chalk Hoys, Faggot and Wood-Lighters, Dung-Boats, and Gardeners Boats, in such Manner as has been accustomed, and is allowed and reserved by the said Act made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third) shall row or cause to be rowed or worked, any Boat, Wherry, Lighter or other Vessel or Craft upon the said River, for Hire or Gain between the Limits aforesaid, at any Time or Times hereafter, that then and in such Case, every such Offender, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, being thereof convicted in such Manner as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds of lawful Money of Great-

Great-Britain, to be levied and recovered in manner aforesaid: And for want of sufficient Distress it shall be Lawful to and for the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, and he and they are hereby required, by Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to commit such Offender to the next common or publick Workhouse, or House of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding one Month, nor less than fourteen Days.

And whereas by Experience, the present Number of Assistants of the said Company are so numerous, as at their Meetings (instead of doing Business) to occasion Confusion and Disturbance; **Be it Declared and Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Number of Assistants of the said Company at their future Elections, shall be reduced to Thirty; but each of them the said Assistants, to be elected, named and appointed as heretofore they have been used severally to be,

Punishment on insufficient Distress,

Number of Assistants reduced to 30.

Who are to be elected as heretofore.

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Proviso to preserve the Right of the Heirs of the late Duke of Richmond. **Provided** always, That this Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend to the lessening, taking away, abridging, hindering, prejudicing, or otherwise impeaching of any Right belonging to, or lawfully claimed by the late *Charles Duke of Richmond and Lenox*, Lord of the Manor of *Gravesend*, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, for the holding a certain Court within the said Manor, called *Curia Cursus Aquæ*, or the Court of the Water-course, for the better Government of Barges, Boats, and Vessels, using the Ferry or Passage from the Town of *Gravesend* to *London*, and of the Persons owning or working the same, or of any other Rights, Liberties, Powers, and Privileges whatsoever, belonging to the said late Duke, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, relating to the said Ferry or Passage, or to the Barges, Tilt-boats, or other Boats and Vessels using the said Ferry or Passage, or plying at the Bridge of the said Town of *Gravesend*, or the Persons owning or working the same, or otherwise howsoever.

Proviso to secure the Rights of the Parishes of **Provided** always, That this Act or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to the lessening

lessening, taking away, hindering, pre-*Milton and*
judicing, or impeaching of any Grants, *Gravesend.*
Liberties, Franchises, Customs, Privi-
leges, or Usages, now or heretofore law-
fully used, held or enjoyed by the May-
or, Jurats, and capital Inhabitants of the
Villages and Parishes of *Gravesend* and
Milton, in the County of *Kent*, touching,
concerning, or relating to the Passage
and Ferry upon the said River of *Thames*,
from the said Villages and Parishes of
Gravesend and *Milton*, to the said City of
London, or touching or concerning the
Government or Gubernation of the said
Passage and Ferry, but that the said
Mayor, Jurats, and Inhabitants, and their
Successors, shall and may do and execute
all and every such lawful Act and Acts,
Powers and Authorities touching the said
Passage and Ferry, and the Government
thereof, as they might or could have
done, if this Act had not been made; any
Thing herein contained to the contrary
thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided always, and it is hereby *Rights of*
Declared, That it shall and may be law- *the Owners*
ful to and for the Lessees, Owners, or *or Lessees of*
Occupiers of any Key or Keys betwixt *Keys between*
the *Hermitage Bridge* and *London Bridge,* *the Hermi-*
or any or either of them, to use their, *tage & Lon-*
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and every of their Lighters, or large Crafts, as has been heretofore lawfully accustomed for the carrying of Goods and Merchandizes to and from their respective Keys and Wharfs, and to and from Ships loading or unloading, and to employ any Person or Persons, being Watermen or Lightermen duly qualified, as in and by the said Act passed in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King *William the Third*, (intituled, *An Act for the Explanation and better Execution of former Acts made touching Watermen and Wherry-men rowing on the River of Thames; and for the better ordering and governing the said Watermen, Wherry-men and Lightermen upon the said River, between Gravesend and Windsor*) is directed or appointed to row and work in their respective Lighters, or large Craft, and to do and act any Things, as heretofore they might lawfully do, from such their respective Keys and Wharfs, to any Ships or Vessels, as aforesaid; any Thing in this present Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

*Penalties &
Forfeitures,
how to be
recovered.*

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Penalties and Forfeitures which shall be incurred or for-

forfeited by Virtue of this Act, shall and may be sued and prosecuted for by the Rulers and Overseers of the said Company, or any two of them for the Time being, in such Manner as is provided for and directed by the said Act, passed in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, (intituled, *An Act for the Explanation and better Execution of former Acts, made touching Watermen and Wherryemen rowing on the River of Thames; and for the better ordering and governing the said Watermen, Wherryemen, and Lightermen, upon the said River between Gravesend and Windsor* :) *Penalties, &c. how to be applied.*

And when the said Penalties and Forfeitures shall be recovered or levied, the same shall be paid to the said Rulers and Overseers of the said Company, or the major Part of them for the Time being, and shall be by them paid and distributed to and for the Use of the Poor of the said Company, in such Manner as the said Rulers and Overseers, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, shall think fit; and all Prosecutions for the said Penalties and Forfeitures shall be commenced within One Month next *Prosecutions for the said Penalties to be commenced within a Month.*

after the Offence shall be committed.

And

All Constables, &c. to be assisting in putting this Act in Execution.

Actions against Persons who put this Act in Execution, to be brought in 30 Days.

Such Persons may plead the General Issue, &c.

And be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Constables and Headboroughs shall be aiding and assisting in the due Execution of this Act: And that in Case any Suit or Prosecution shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Matter, Cause, or Thing done in Pursuance of this Act, or any former Act relating to the Water-service on the said River, or to the Regulating and Governing the Company and Persons aforesaid; that in every such Case, the Action, Suit, or Prosecution, shall be brought and commenced within Thirty Days next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards; and such Person or Persons so sued, prosecuted, or molested, shall and may, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, plead the General Issue, and give this, and any such former Act, and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and that the same was done in Pursuance, and by the Authority of the said former Acts, or this present Act: And if the same shall appear so to be done, or that such Action, Suit, or Prosecution shall be brought or commenced after the Time before limited for bringing or commencing the same, that then the Jury shall find

find for the Defendant or Defendants;
 and if upon such Verdict, or if the Plain-
 tiff or Plaintiffs shall be non-suited, or *Upon Non-*
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 Defendant or Defendants hath or have in
 any other Cases by Law. And that this *This Act to*
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 to be a Public Act, and be judicially *public Act.*
 taken Notice of as such by all Judges,
 Justices, and other Persons whatsoever,
 without specially pleading the same.

RULES, ORDERS, and CONSTITUTIONS

Made by the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants of the Watermen and Lightermen of the River of Thames, between Gravesend and Windsor, for the better Rule and Government of the said Society or Company, examined, altered, and approved by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, and confirmed by the Right Honourable Robert Lord Raymond, Baron of Abbots Langley, in the County of Hertford, Lord Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, pursuant to the Authority and Directions of the several Acts of Parliament in that Case made and provided.

*I. Persons
not to work
with wrong
Number.*

Imprimis. **I**T is ordered, That if any Waterman or Lighterman, or Watermen or Lightermen in Copartnership, who now, or hereafter shall keep, use, hire or work any Wherry or Wherries, Boat or Boats,
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Lighter or Lighters, or other Craft upon the River of *Thames*, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, and shall neglect, or refuse to affix, or set his or their true Number thereon, not less than four Inches each Figure, in large Figures on the Bows of the Lighters, and Hudds Boards of the Barges, and two Inches each Figure on the Linings on each side of the Boats or Wherries, just abaft the Wherrit Stoppers, or shall affix or set, or cause to be affixed or set on any of the aforesaid Craft, any fictitious or other Person's Number, other than his or their own Number as aforesaid; every Person or Persons so offending, shall respectively forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, to the Rulers and Overseers of the said Company, for the Use of the Poor of the said Company, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

ITEM, Whereas divers Apprentices do daily contract Matrimony in the Time of their Apprenticeships, which is not only prejudicial to the Masters, by spending their Money and losing their Time, but is also a great Hindrance to His Majesty's Service, by their deserting and absenting themselves in the Time of War, and their Wives and

II. Apprentices not to marry in the Term of their Apprenticeships.

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Children do often become chargeable to the Parishes whereto they do belong. To prevent the same for the Future, It is ordained and ordered, That if any Apprentice of any Waterman or Lighterman shall contract Matrimony during his Apprenticeship, upon due Proof thereof made before the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants, or the major Part of them, at any of their publick Courts or Assemblies, the Party so offending, being duly summoned to answer the same, shall forfeit and pay to the Rulers and Overseers of the said Company, for the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Pounds. Provided always, nevertheless, That every Apprentice who shall incur the above Penalty for marrying, shall and may at any Time during the Space of Three Months next after such Proof of his Matrimony as aforesaid, appeal to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London against such Forfeiture; which said Court shall and may hear and finally determine the said Appeal, and relieve the Person appealing in such Manner as they in Justice shall think fit. And it is hereby further ordered, That if the said Person or Persons so
forfeiting

forfeiting shall not appeal as aforesaid, or shall not be relieved upon such Appeal, and shall neglect or refuse to pay the said Sum of Ten Pounds so forfeited as aforesaid, upon Demand, according to the Order of the said Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants, or the major Part of them, that then the said Penalties so forfeited, may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, as is herein after mentioned ; and if not paid, and cannot be levied, then such Person or Persons so forfeiting, shall not be capable of being made free of the Company of Watermen, Wherry-men and Lightermen, or be admitted to Work or Row as a Waterman or Lighterman on the said River of *Thames* for the Space of Two Years from thence next ensuing such Time of Payment as aforesaid ; during which Time, in Case such Apprentice shall Row or Work on the said River, then he or they shall, for every such Offence, be liable to the Penalties inflicted on Persons not free of the said Company, presuming to Work or Row on the said River.

III. *None to hinder others passing to or from the Stairs.*

ITEM, That no Waterman or Lighterman, or his Servant or Apprentice, shall lay, or cause to be laid any Boat, Wherry, Barge, Lighter, Flat Boat, or Luggage-Boat before any of the publick Stairs, or Places of Plying, or on any Causeway, so as to hinder and prevent due and orderly passing of any Boat, Wherry, Barge, Lighter, Flat Boat, or Luggage Boat unto or from any Stairs or Landing Places, but shall lie clear of the said Stairs or Landing Places, upon Pain, that every Person so offending as aforesaid, be he Waterman, Lighterman, Servant, or Apprentice, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, to the Rulers and Overseers of the said Company, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence for every Boat or Wherry; and Five Shillings for every Barge, Lighter, Flat Boat, or Luggage Boat.

IV. *Against plying a Fare &c. and refusing to carry them.*

ITEM, Whereas divers Abuses are daily committed on the River of *Thames*, by Watermen and their Apprentices or Servants, by their plying Fares and Passengers, and refusing to carry them.—To prevent the same for the Future, It is ordained and ordered, That every Waterman,

terman, or his Apprentice, or Servant, who shall ply or receive a Fare, or Passenger or Passengers into his or their Boat or Boats, and shall refuse to carry them to their respective Landing Place on the said River, directed by the Passenger or Passengers (without wilful let or hindrance) every Person so offending as aforesaid, being thereof duly convicted before some Justice of the Peace, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, to the said Rulers and Overseers, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

ITEM, It is further ordained and ordered, That all the Penalties inflicted by these Rules and By-Laws, may be levied from Time to Time, by Distress and Sale of the Goods of every such Offender, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of the Lord Mayor of the City of *London*, or one or more of the Aldermen of the said City, or one or more of the Justices of the Peace within the Shires next adjoining to the said River of *Thames*, between Gravesend and Windsor, within their several Jurisdictions, pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament passed in the Eleventh

*V. Penalties
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be recovered.*

and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third; intituled, *An Act for the Explanation and better Execution of former Acts made touching Watermen and Wherry-men rowing on the River of Thames; and for the better ordering and governing the said Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen upon the said River, between Gravesend and Windsor.*

I have seen and perused these By-Laws, and do approve, allow, and confirm the same. Dated this First Day of November, *Anno Dom.* 1732. And in the Sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of God of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland* King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

RAYMOND.

of

*Of the Court of Conservancy of the
River of Thames.*

THE Lord Mayor of *London* is, and Time out of Mind hath been, Conservator of the River of *Thames*, and hath Power to keep a Sessions as often as he pleaseth, for the indicting and punishing Fishermen, and all other Persons who make Encroachments or annoy the said River; which Sessions are always held in the respective Counties where the Offences are committed.

By the Statute made in the 17th Year of King *Richard* the Secoud, it is enacted as followeth, viz. Our Lord the King in this present Parliament by Assent hath granted, that the Mayor or Warden of *London*, for the Time being, shall have the Conservation of the Statutes of the 13th of *Edward* the First, and 13th of *Richard* the Second, and shall make thereof due Execution in the Waters of
Thames,

Thames, from the Bridge of *Staines* to *London*, and from thence over the same Water, and in the Water of *Medway*, as far as it is granted to the Citizens of *London*.

King *James* the First, by his Charter to the City, takes notice of the Lord Mayor's Right to the Office of Bailiff, and Conservation of the River of *Thames*: The Tenor whereof is as followeth:

To the Intent that the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens may more securely, freely and quietly exercise and enjoy the Office of Bailiff, and Conservation of the Water of *Thames*, and the Profits thereunto belonging to them, and their Successors for ever, of our especial Grace have granted: And by these Presents for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do grant to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens and their Successors, that they may execute the said Office by the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, during his Mayoralty, or his sufficient Deputies from Time to Time for ever, in, upon, or about the same Water, to wit, from the Bridge of *Staines* in *Middlesex* West, to

to the Bridge of *London*; and from thence to a Place called *Yendal*, towards the Sea East, and in *Medway*, and in the Port of the City of *London*, and upon whatsoever Bank, Shore and Wharf of the same Water of *Thames*, and to receive and enjoy all Fees and Profits, &c. without the Hindrance of Us, our Heirs, or Successors, or our Admiral of *England*, or any others; To have, hold and enjoy the said Office, with all Profits, &c. to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their Successors for ever.

The Water Bailiff is my Lord Mayor's Substitute or Deputy, and is to give his Lordship Notice of all Offences committed by any Persons contrary to the Orders made for the Preservation of the Brood and Fry of Fish. The Tenor of which Orders are as followeth.

*Orders agreed upon for the Preservation
of the Brood and Fry of Fish.*

That no Man shall presume to shoot any Draw-net or Counter-net, at any Time of the Year before Sun-rising, nor after Sun-setting.

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Item, That no Fisherman shall lie, or bend any Net during the Time of the Flood.

Item, That no Fisherman, or other, shall shoot any Draw-net, Cod-net, or other Net or Engine, whereby any Salmon-fish shall be taken after *Holy-rood* Day.

Item, That no Fisherman, or other, shall fish with any Net, or lay or hale any Wool, or use any other Net or Engine from Sunsetting on *Saturday* at Night, until Sunrising upon *Monday* Morning.

Item, That no Fisherman, or other, at any Time ship their Draw-nets (called shipping a-stern) into their Boats, before such Time as they have laid forth all their whole Net, as they do when they land towards a low Water; nor that they ship some Part of their said Net, and land the rest, but that they shall observe that antient Order of landing their Nets at low Water.

That no Fisherman, or other, shall use any Spear, called an Eel-spear, at any Time of the Year, nor shall work with any Bley-net, Rugg-net, or Smelt-net, upon the said Water Westward farther than *Isleworth* Church, from the

10th of *March*, until *Holyrood* Day be past.

Item, That no Fisherman, or other, shall at any Time use any Flue, Trammel, double walled Net, or hooped Net whatsoever.

Item, That no Fisherman, or other, shall lay any Weels, called Kills, in any Place of the River, from the 10th of *March* till the 10th of *May* yearly; for that all Roaches do then shed their Spawn.

Item, That no Fisherman, or other, shall use any Weel or Lomb, or a Mill-pot, or any other Engine with the Head thereof against the Stream; nor that no Man shall occupy any Net called Purse Nets, otherwise Casting Nets, upon the said River.

Item, That no Fisherman, or other, shall rugg for Flounders, either by Ebb, or by Flood, at any Time of the Year between *London-Bridge* and *Westminster*, but only two Casts at Low Water, and two Casts at High Water, and no Flounder shall be taken under the Assize of six Inches; and that no Fisherman, or other, shall Floot with any Bloy-net upon the Benches, from *Whitehall* to the *Temple* Stairs upon High Waters,

Waters, from Whitsuntide to Bartholomewtide.

Item, That no Fisherman, or other, shall fish with any kind of Net, or use any Angle-rod with more than two Hooks upon a Line or Saw, or scratch for Barbel within the Limits of *London-Bridge*, or shall use any other Engine nearer unto the Bridge than *St. Botolph Wharf*, and the Bridgehouse Wharf on the East-side, nor nearer on the West-side than *St. Mary Overies Stairs*, and the *Old Swan*.

At a Court of Aldermen, the 10th of July, 1673.

This Court considering the great Decay of the Fishing Trade in the River of *Thames*; and conceiving that drawing the Shores is the chief Ground thereof, as tending to the great Prejudice and utter Destruction of the Brood and Fry of all sorts of Fish, did therefore this Day strictly order and enjoin, That no Person do hereafter presume to draw the Shores in the River of *Thames* upon any Pretence whatsoever, at any Time or Season of the Year, with lawful or unlawful Nets.

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